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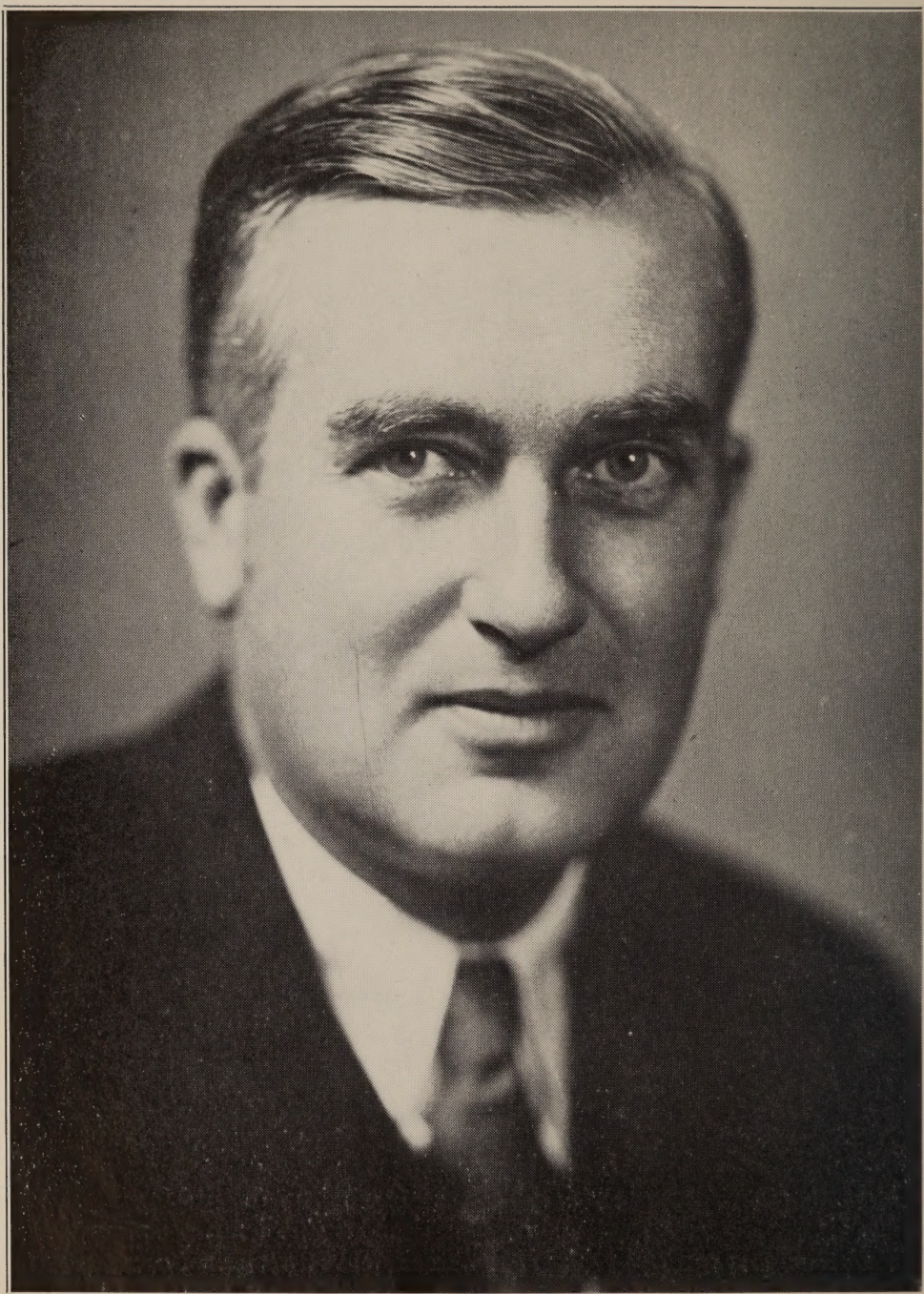
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Governor of New Jersey

Bayonne, N. J. Biographies

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The noble living and the noble dead."*

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TO MY MOTHER

Who has always known
the things worth while
this book is affectionately dedicated.

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INTRODUCTION

IT IS AN HONOR to be asked to write an introduction to the very first book of biographies ever written of the people of our good city of Bayonne; a history of the lives and activities of those who, for love of their home town and their country and for the privilege of being Americans, have tried, in many ways, to help make the world a little better, a little greater than they found it.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to the author, Gladys Mellor Sinclair, who, having already written a History, "Bayonne Old and New," had the initiative to write another book of the achievements of a number of Bayonne's leading citizens, and who, "While others slept was toiling upward through the night" to bring these two notable books to a happy fruition.

I am very glad if any words of mine were an incentive to encourage the talented author to begin this second history that will prove valuable in years to come.

Mrs. Sinclair has shown by this second work that our judgment was well founded. Bayonne should be justly proud of the work of this clever young author who will, we trust, climb high on the ladder of fame in literature which is the prophesy of

Agnes B. Waters

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PREFACE

IN PRESENTING THIS WORK to our kindred and friends, I desire first to acknowledge the gracious assistance of those who have contributed their biographies to this collection, also the newspapers, *Jersey Journal*, *Bayonne Times and Facts*. I wish to thank my esteemed friend, Agnes B. Wauters, whose encouragement and worthy assistance in making this contribution to our city, was my inspiration for doing it. Her long and untiring service to the community of Bayonne is of much value. She is a character that commands respect.

This work was begun principally to perpetuate the names of some of our fine pioneer citizens and to record persons who have contributed their services to mankind. Let us forever perpetuate their memory in the imperishable amber of our affections, and preserve the record of their achievements with grateful and loyal hearts.

In the Colonial Days, Bayonne citizens fought in the Revolutionary War, later the War of 1812, Civil War and many of her sons' lives were sacrificed in the World War; the people are again ready to defend these historical shores of New York Bay. Some of these folk are recorded in the pages of this biography.

This is the first book of biography type ever to be published in Bayonne. I am moved to say that however crude may be my style of literature, I have tried to preserve a very small percentage of some of the best thought of personalities to pass on to posterity so that all people may know something of the character of their predecessors. "A little oil to light a small lamp is better than none at all."

Many of the names recorded herein have been borne by quiet, unostentatious men and women, who have left the indelible imprint of vicarious lives upon the unwritten pages of

our country's history. Some have passed to the great beyond, others have gone far from the city, but their memory lingers on.

The compiling of this information has been of deep interest and again I am grateful to those who so kindly contributed to its publication.

G. M. S.

899 Avenue C
Bayonne, New Jersey
Nov. 15, 1941



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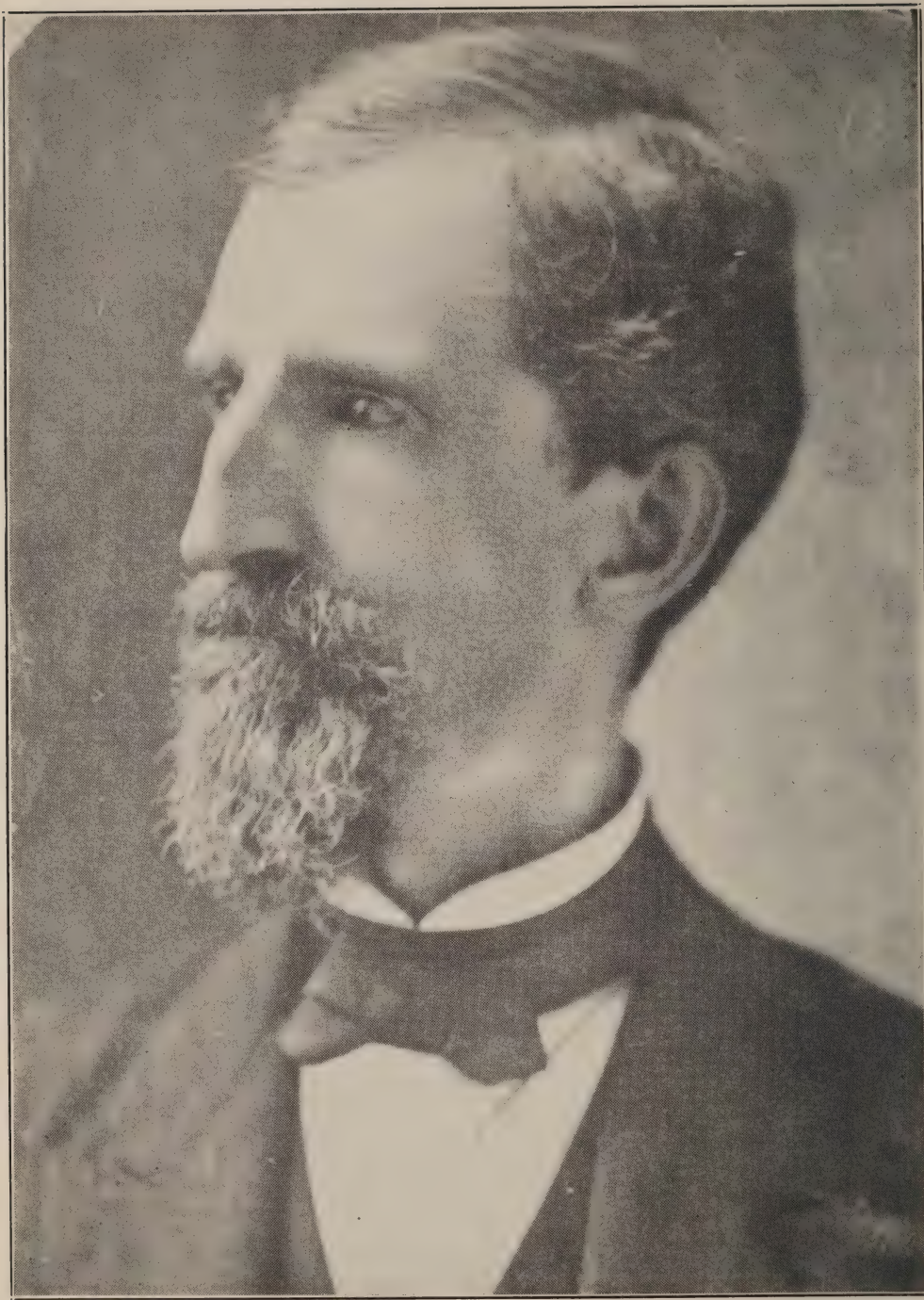
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HENRY MEIGS
Bayonne's First Mayor 1869-1879

HON. CHARLES EDISON

Governor of New Jersey

Charles Edison was born in West Orange, N. J. on August 3, 1890, the son of Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, and Minna Miller Edison, a daughter of a founder of the Chatauqua Assembly, a religious and cultural institution.

He received his education in Orange, N. J. schools, Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Conn. and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

On March 27, 1918, he married Carolyn B. Hawkins and he lives in West Orange. He has been a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

Charles Edison's first job was as a \$15 a week helper with the Boston Electric Light Company. He reorganized the Thomas A. Edison Industries and became President and Director in 1926.

A civic leader in West Orange, his contributions include work with civic and charitable organizations, municipal work relief, activity in zoning and regional planning, service as trustee of Newark Museum and Chairman of the West Orange Liberty Loan Committee.

For seven years he served his State and Nation with the New Jersey Recovery Board, National Recovery Administration, National Emergency Council, Federal Housing Administration, National Advisory Council, and as Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of the Navy.

On November 5, 1940 he was elected Governor of the State of New Jersey.

HENRY MEIGS

Bayonne's First Mayor

Henry Meigs was a resident of the First Ward. He was a wealthy business man of New York City. He has the distinction of having served as First Mayor of Bayonne for a period of ten years, from 1869 when Bayonne was incorporated as a City, until 1879.

In choosing the first mayor for Bayonne, about a dozen names were mentioned as possible candidates. Some pointed to "Uncle Dick" Cadmus and said, "There is the man." Others insisted Erastus Randall with his calm grey eyes as the worker for this first occasion and Mr. Bramhall was spoken of. Hon. De Witt Clinton-Morris was proposed and his backers said, "Who has done more and so gracefully for Bayonne than this gentleman?" Many talked of running the venerable David Salter. Finally when election in the new city of Bayonne was held, Tuesday April 13, 1869, the general ticket had no opposition and Henry Meigs, Democrat, was elected.

Mayor Meigs' administration was progressive from the start. He was an enterprising and energetic business man and he adopted business methods in the conduction of the affairs of the city. His administration marked a change in the personnel of the city's official family. He largely ignored the claims of those descendants of the early settlers who based their demands for political recognition on the achievements of their ancestors. Many of the newcomers, who became permanent residents of the city after the Civil War, were New York business men and most of them were in comfortable circumstances and deeply interested in the prosperity and welfare of the city they had selected for their future homes.

Public improvements of many kinds were inaugurated during Mayor Meigs regime and pushed to completion with energy and business-like determination.

HON. JAMES J. DONOVAN

Mayor of Bayonne

If Horatio Alger were writing the story of Mayor James J. Donovan he would tell of the butcher boy who carried his wounded commanding officer in from "No Man's Land" in the first World War, winning the United States Distinguished Service Cross and the Italian War Cross "for extraordinary heroism under fire," and who later, as Mayor of the city in which he was born in 1892, played the No. 1 role in helping



HON. JAMES J. DONOVAN
Mayor of Bayonne

to bring the U. S. Naval Base and Super-Drydock, with all its attendant national defense job prosperity to Bayonne.

His first job, after his schooling at St. Mary's, was in the late Herman Mahnken's butcher shop, and when he had learned the business thoroughly, while continuing his studies in evening school, he opened his own shop at 313 Avenue C, across the street from St. Mary's R. C. Church and the school he had attended as a boy. That was in 1915 but the shop is still there doing business under the same ownership.

The war exploit made Jimmy Donovan famous, and it was his fellow members of the 312th Infantry, 78th Division, who joined with other ex-service men in Bayonne to shove him over the top in the municipal election of 1931, when he was chosen a City Commissioner on the regular Democratic ticket and assigned by the board to the Department of Parks and Public Property.

Parks Director Donovan moved into action immediately, increasing the recreational facilities of all city owned parks and playgrounds, taking the long kicked-around Athletic Stadium proposal and making a reality of the age-old dream of Bayonne's sports fans. He sponsored a football league which later was named the "James J. Donovan League" in his honor.

During the last year of his term he was given the more important Department of Public Works, and after the term expired in 1935 he was chosen by the Hudson County Board of Freeholders to fill a vacancy in that body. The following year he stood for election to succeed himself and was chosen by the voters of Hudson County with a tremendous majority for the full Freeholder's term of three years. In this office he sponsored the widening of the Boulevard at the 36th Street bend, once so dangerous as to be known as "Dead Man's Curve," and induced the county to aid the city by paving North Street as a W.P.A. county project.

The final year of Mr. Donovan's term in the county office saw the local political situation become so complicated that representatives and leaders of various factions within the Democratic party joined to ask the Freeholder to lead them and the rapidly growing Home Rule movement for the 1939 city election. Mr. Donovan consented, announced his ticket

and resigned from the Board of Freeholders. He and his four colleagues, James A. Mullanaphy, Henry W. Murphy, Horace K. Roberson and Joseph J. Topoleski were elected by a precedent-smashing plurality, effecting a clean five-man sweep for the first time in local political history since 1919.

The new board organized with Mr. Donovan as Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety. During his administration the city has already seen miles of concrete sidewalks added without cost to the city other than for materials and tools; a weeding out of deadwood non-taxpaying properties through foreclosure of the city's tax title liens; the restoration of tax-productive properties to the rateables by the sale of unused city lands to purchasers with plans for housing construction; and most important of all, the selection of the Bayonne Port Terminal by the U. S. Navy as the site for its base and drydock.

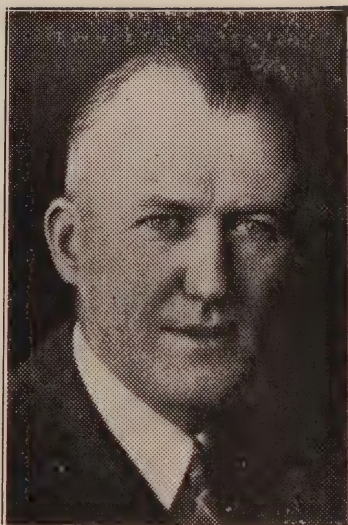
His wartime friendship with Undersecretary of the Navy, Lewis Compton, gave Mayor Donovan a foothold in Washington which he exploited to the full in behalf of his city, and in numerous trips to the national capital with his fellow commissioners he was able to place the superior advantages of the Bayonne site in so favorable a light that the Navy finally agreed upon the Port Terminal as the most desirable site and paid the City some \$2,000,000 for it.

About \$40,000,000 is the latest figure from Washington relating to U. S. Navy construction plans for its Bayonne base, which has already supplied jobs for 5,000 people and created a new era of prosperity for workers, landlords, business men and the city in general.

The Mayor is an honorary member of Star of the Sea Council No. 371 Knights of Columbus, a member of Bayonne Post No. 19 American Legion, of the Legion of Valor and the 312th Infantry Association, a former president of St. Mary's Holy Name Society, and an honorary member of the County Corkmen's Association. He and his wife, Kathryn, and their three children reside at 339 Boulevard. Their eldest son, James Jr., eighteen, recently entered his freshman year at Notre Dame University; another son, William, fourteen, attends St. Mary's School; and a daughter, Regina, sixteen, is a student at Holy Family Academy.



Commissioner
JOSEPH J. TOPOLESKI
Director of Parks & Public
Property



Commissioner
JAMES A. MULLANAPHY
Director of Public Works



Commissioner
HENRY W. MURPHY
Director of Public Affairs



Commissioner
HORACE C. ROBERSON
Director of Revenue and Finance

COMMISSIONER JOSEPH J. TOPOLESKI

Director of Parks and Public Property

Joseph J. Topoleski was born October 29, 1895. From 1896, when the family moved from Jersey City, up to the present time, he has been living in Bayonne. He obtained his learning in the local parochial and public schools. Immediately after the death of his father and while still attending school, at the age of sixteen, he found employment as clerk in a meat market and four years later purchased a meat market.

During the World War he enlisted in the U. S. Army from which he was honorably discharged after the Armistice. Upon his return from service he was appointed bookkeeper in the water department. In 1922 he served as a member of the Recreation Committee. He was a real estate broker from 1921 to 1924 and clerked in the water department from 1924 to 1926. It was in that year that Joseph Topoleski entered the laundry business. He established the White Rose Laundry, Inc., at its present site, 25-27 West 23rd Street, Bayonne, New Jersey, in July 1926.

He was elected to the Assembly for the first time at the 1934 election, and re-elected in 1935.

Commissioner Topoleski was elected on the Home Rule Ticket which swept the city in May 1939 with Mayor James J. Donovan, James A. Mullanaphy, Henry W. Murphy and Horace K. Roberson scoring the most decisive victory ever registered in a Bayonne city commission election. Some improvements made since Commissioner Topoleski's election are the beautifying of City Park at 16th Street, new playground with eight tennis courts, eight handball courts and grading, Recreation Center at Killeen Park, playground in rear of No. 5 school and several other parks.

The Commissioner is Honorary President of Polish American Citizens Club, the Polish American Democratic Club and the Polish Relief (Refugees), a member of Mount Carmel Lyceum Club and Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Elks Club and is a life member of the Bayonne City Democratic Club. Besides being an active member of various other business and social clubs, he is a director of the Polish American Home.

Commissioner Topoleski was chosen to act as Grand Marshal in the parade in celebration of Pulaski Day, October 5, 1941 in honor of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski at which time the Commissioner led 100,000 in the spectacular march up Fifth Avenue, New York City.

He has been married since June 1922 and is now residing with his wife, Helen, and his two daughters, Estelle, who is attending Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Penna., and Dolores, who is attending St. Aloysius Academy in Jersey City, in their newly purchased home 142 West 37th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

COMMISSIONER JAMES A. MULLANAPHY

Director of Public Works

Commissioner James A. Mullanaphy was born in Paterson, New Jersey, May 22, 1895 and he received his education in that city attending St. John's Parochial School, Paterson High School and Pace Institute of Business.

For the last 23 years he has been auditor at the Electro-Dynamic Company in Bayonne. He lives at 19 Edwards Court with his wife, the former Loretta Donnelly and their three children; James, Jr., Loretta and John Craig. They are parishioners of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Fraternal activities keep the Commissioner busy in many ways. He is past Grand Knight of Star of the Sea Council No. 371, Knights of Columbus, a member of the Democratic Club, F. O. Eagles No. 614, Bayonne Foremen's Club executive committee, president of the Electro-Dynamic Employees' Relief Association, a member of St. Mary's Holy Name Society, Vice Grand Commander of Abdalah Caravan No. 8 of the Order of Alhambra, a K. of C. social organization, and for the past twelve years secretary of the City Bowling League, the Neighborhood Club, Gossett's Major League and the Craffey Team in the K. of C. Classic League. Bowling is second nature to him and golf comes next.

On May 9, 1939, James Mullanaphy was elected one of the City Commissioners on the Home Rule Ticket with Mayor

James J. Donovan, Henry W. Murphy, Horace K. Roberson and Joseph J. Topoleski at which time the voters of the city put into office as City Commissioners, five men who ran on the same bracket and the margin of victory was overwhelming.

Since assuming the post of Director of Public Works, Commissioner Mullanaphy has made many improvements in the city. Under his supervision a new street sweeper has been put into use, streets have been repaved and Killeen Recreational Center has been completed.

DAVID BERMAN

Judge of Bayonne District Court

David Berman, who was appointed by Governor Edison to the Judgeship of the Bayonne District Court on April 24, 1941, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on May 19, 1941, and assumed his official duties on June 17, 1941.

He was born on January 1, 1900, of Jewish immigrant parents, who settled in Bayonne in July of 1906. His father, Samuel Berman, now deceased, was one of the pioneer builders of Bayonne and was prominent in the civic life of the community.

Judge Berman was educated in the public schools of Bayonne and after two years at Cornell University, decided upon law as his career and matriculated at New York University from which he graduated in 1923, with the degree of LL.B.

From his earliest school days, he displayed great aptitude for public speaking and debating. This interest continued through his college career and he is now regarded as one of the outstanding orators of our city, his eloquent voice often being raised in behalf of every worthy cause in the civic life of our community.

During the World War, he was a member of the United States Navy, from which he was honorably discharged on December 31, 1918, and continued as a member of the Naval Reserve for several years. He is now affiliated with the American Legion Post No. 18, J. W. V.

He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of

New Jersey in 1923 and has been engaged in the general law practice ever since, with offices now located at 545 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey.

He has always been active in the local Bar Association, serving as its Secretary for a number of years. In 1937 he was elected President of the Bayonne Bar Association and during that year instituted a program of activities pointing to the betterment of the social and ethical standards of the association, and initiated several W.P.A. projects and other activities providing much needed relief for indigent lawyers.

He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, having served on various committees of that association.

He is now serving as a member of the Ethics Committee of the Bayonne Bar Association.

Politically, he has been affiliated with the Democratic Party for the past twenty years and has been active in the councils of the Bayonne City Democratic Club.

He is a member of the Masonic Order and is affiliated with the Menorah Masonic Lodge No. 249, F. & A.M. of the State of New Jersey, and in 1933 served as Master of his Lodge. He is also a member of the Menorah Masonic Club, in which organization he served as President and as Chairman of the Board of Governors for several years.

Judge Berman has been particularly active in the Jewish community life of our city and prominently identified with the Zionist Organization in Bayonne, in which organization he held several offices and served as President for two years. He is the Bayonne delegate to the Executive Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee and to the United Palestine Appeal. He has served actively as a leader and chairman of various philanthropic campaigns for the raising of funds for the United Jewish Appeal and similar organizations and for many years acted as Chairman of the Allocations' Committee, charged with the responsibility of distributing funds to the various organizations affiliated with the United Jewish Appeal campaigns.

He was the moving spirit in the organization and founding of the Bayonne Jewish Community Council in 1937, and has served in various important key positions of the Council since its founding.



JUDGE BERMAN

He also initiated the movement for the establishment of the Federation of Jewish Charities in Bayonne, which had as its object the coordination of all work of the various Jewish welfare and relief societies, and he is now serving as the first President of the Federation.

Judge Berman is also a director of the Hebrew Home for Orphans and Aged of Hudson County; a director of the National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado; a member of the Congregation Beth Abraham and the Beth Abraham Free School; a member of Temple Emanu-El of Bayonne and a member of the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El of Bayonne. He is affiliated with and is a member of the Congregation Ohab Sholem.

Judge Berman has been active in the work of the Red Cross, having served several times as Chairman of the Speakers' Committee in various campaigns conducted by the Red Cross. He served actively on committees charged with the responsibility of raising funds for the Y.M.C.A., for the Boy Scouts and for the Salvation Army.

He served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bundles for Britain Ball Committee, in 1941, which committee was engaged in raising funds to re-build and aid the Sick Children's Hospital in Bristol, England.

He is active in the religious life of the community and has followed the orthodoxy of his parents, the late Samuel and Rebecca Berman; his father being one of the founders of the Beth Abraham Congregation. His cooperation with the Rabbis of this city and his respect for them, stems from his early religious training and has, in turn, earned for him the esteem of the local Rabbis and religious circles throughout the city.

His favorite hobbies are gardening and music and his favorite sports are tennis and fishing.

Judge Berman is married. His wife is the former Mary Hockstein, daughter of the late Joseph and Lena Hockstein. He has two children, a daughter, Iris, 15, attending Bayonne High School, and a son, Edward, 11, attending Horace Mann School.

His residence is 67 West 34th Street.

REV. F. HAMPTON BERWAGER

Rev. F. Hampton Berwager, the first Pastor of Grace English Lutheran Church and who has remained in that capacity for the past thirty-five years, is Bayonne's most popular and best known minister.

A native of the South, he first saw the light of day in Melrose, Maryland and attended the public schools of that city. Following his graduation, he studied at Eichelberg Academy, Hanover, Pennsylvania and then entered the freshman class at Gettysburg College in 1900 graduating in 1904. He studied for the ministry at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania graduating in 1907.

Immediately after graduation from the Seminary, Rev. Berwager came to Bayonne and led a Mission congregation. The meetings were held in Cadogan's Hall on Broadway at 33rd Street and later at 40th Street and Broadway. The present attractive church building at Avenue C and 37th Street was erected in 1909 and dedicated in 1910. The lawn and garden are a credit to the city and the pastor deserves much praise in keeping it so.

Rev. Berwager was licensed to preach in 1906 and in October 1907 was ordained at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He has been Chaplain of the Police and Fire Departments for twenty years and was formerly Chaplain of the Lions Club when that organization existed in Bayonne. He is a member of Bayonne Lodge of Elks and the Junior O.U.A.M.

In 1914 he married Miss Minnie Brands, daughter of the late R. J. Brands and their home is 43 West 37th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

MRS. JAMES D. BOYD

1881 - 1934

Mary Wright Boyd was born in Bayonne February 11, 1881, the daughter of the late William and Mary Wright. Mr. Wright was one of the city's earliest dairymen and served as Overseer of the Poor.

Mrs. Boyd attended old No. 2 School at Broadway and



REV. F. HAMPTON BERWAGER 1135826



MRS. JAMES D. BOYD

26th Street and following her graduation from Bayonne High School, studied at Trenton Normal School. She became a teacher at No. 1 School and later, when No. 8 School was opened, she was transferred there.

Her marriage to James D. Boyd took place in 1908. They had two sons, William who died in 1926 at the age of seventeen and James D., Jr. a resident of Virginia.

Mrs. Boyd was among the active workers in the ranks of suffragists in the city. Not only was she interested in Women's affairs but she also took a prominent part in numerous civic activities serving on various municipal committees. For many years she was Bayonne Social editor for *The Jersey Journal*, a position she held up to the time of her death.

Her interest in women's affairs led to her election as President of the Woman's Club. She was also Chairman of the Legislative Department of the Woman's Club and President of the Bayonne League of Women Voters, which she founded and which for a number of years sponsored Forums which were addressed by candidates for office. She was a Republican but for years had never been actively identified with any political organization.

She was one of the most prominent members in the Hudson County Tuberculosis League and for several years was County Chairman of the Christmas Seals Sale, which resulted in many thousands of dollars being raised in Hudson County to carry on the work of the league.

She was a Past President of the North Jersey Trenton Normal School Alumni Association and had served as Treasurer of the Salvation Army Advisory Board in this city.

In her passing, Bayonne lost a woman of real ability, one who was not afraid to go ahead—who called a spade a spade and who possessed leadership.

PATRICK CRAN

1858 - 1939

The late Patrick Cran was born March 15, 1858 in County Roscommon, Ireland and came to America in 1876. He opened a florist shop in Elizabeth where he first settled and

where he and Mrs. Cran, the former Rosalie Faulke, a native of Nancy, France, were married in St. Mary's Church. In 1884 he moved to Bayonne and established the florist shop and greenhouses alongside of his home at 32 East 18th Street, where he lived for 55 years, until the time of his death.

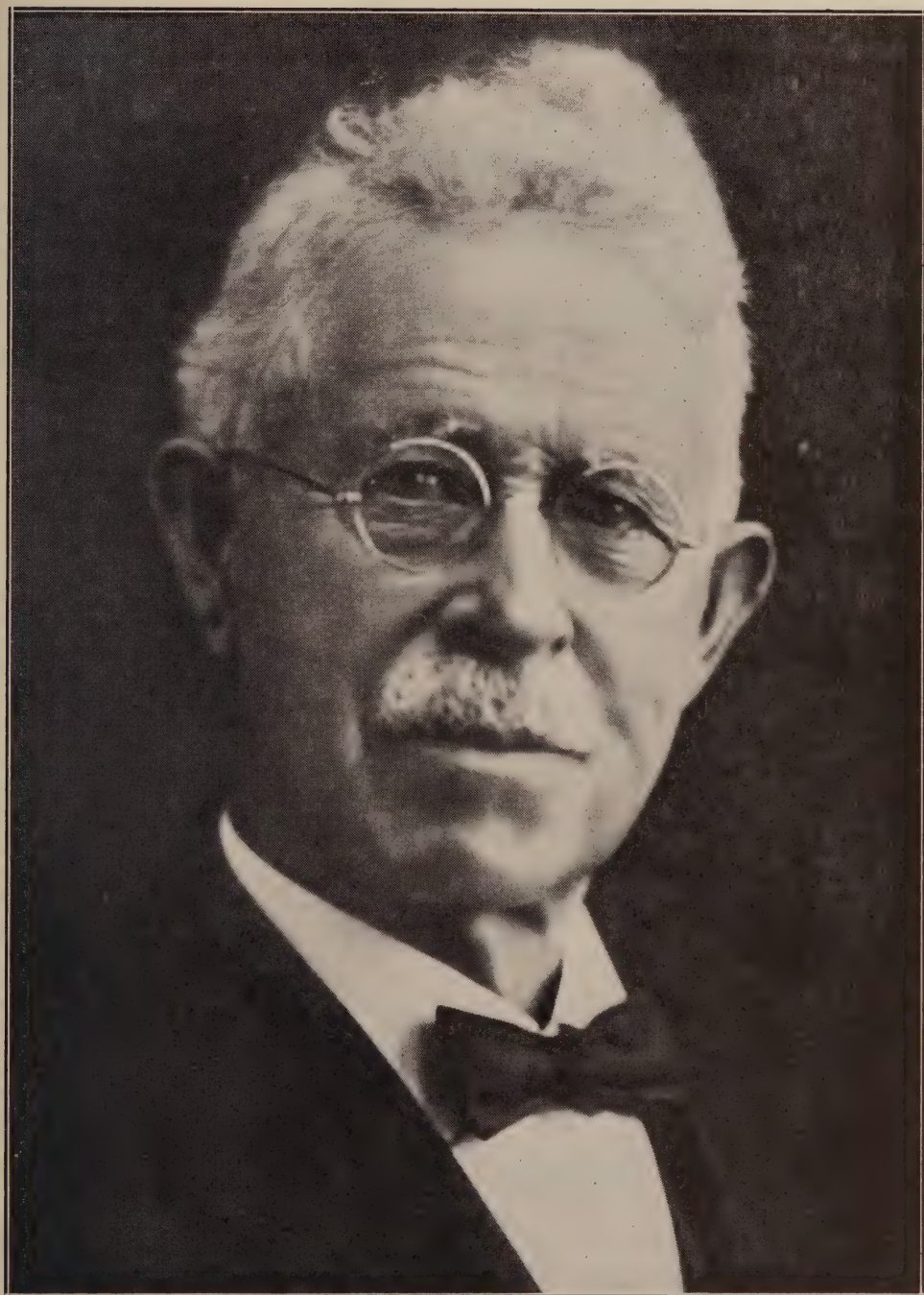
He was a charter member of Star of the Sea Council, Knights of Columbus and was one of the first to receive an honorary life membership from the council. He was one of the best known parishioners of St. Mary's Church and was always keenly interested in the activities of the various parish organizations to which he lent his support.

Although shunning publicity and public office, he once served Bayonne as a park commissioner before the City commission was established as the form of government. Mr. and Mrs. Cran celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary May 7, 1939. He had two daughters, Mrs. Catherine O'Dea of Brooklyn and Miss Marguerite Cran, who is principal of Public School No. 5. Mr. Cran always enjoyed excellent health, his activity in the conduct of his business belying his 81 years. He was held in high regard as one of the "old guard" of the city's leaders.

BERT J. DALY, M.D.

Bert Daly, born April 8, 1881, on the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Avenue C, where he lived until about the age of thirty and then moved to the southwest corner of Avenue C and Fifth Street, spent his entire life in the same neighborhood. His father, Thomas J. Daly, came here as a boy from Brooklyn, where he was born and was a well known and successful contractor. His mother, Mary Joyce, came to Bayonne from Raritan, N. J. her birthplace.

He started school at St. Mary's Academy on 14th Street; later attended the old Public School No. 1 on West 5th Street; Bayonne High School; took a business course at Coleman's Business College at Newark; studied medicine at the Baltimore Medical College, where he graduated in 1905, after which he became an interne in the Bayonne Hospital. He started practicing medicine in 1907.



PATRICK CRAN



BERT J. DALY, M.D.



His chief sport as a youngster and right up to manhood was baseball and he is still intensely interested in the game. He played with Hartford in the Connecticut League in 1902; with Philadelphia, American League in 1903; purchased a half interest in the Hartford Club and played there as Manager until 1907, when he gave up baseball to take up the practice of medicine.

In 1909 he was prevailed upon by the Democratic leaders to run for Councilman of the First Ward. He was elected by an overwhelming majority. At that time the city was in the grip of a street paving monopoly and nearly all the city streets were being improved with asphalt. Daly started a fight to break this ring and finally succeeded, with the result that the same asphalt pavement was laid for \$85 a lot less than the previous cost. During this fight he developed quite a public following and the demand was made that he run against the then Democratic leader, Matthew Cronin, for Mayor. The fight that followed will go down in Bayonne's history as the bitterest ever fought. Families were divided on the issue, street fights for weeks preceding the election were common occurrences. Daly emerged victorious in this fight by less than 500 majority, but did not have control of the Council. Many leading citizens got behind a move to adopt the Commission form of government in 1915 and Daly supported these outstanding men, who were in favor of the new form. The election was held in May of 1915. Judge Roberson was the only one on Daly's ticket elected, along with Matthew Cronin, Hugh Mara, Henry Wilson and former Mayor Pierre Garven, who beat Daly out by twelve votes.

Four years later, in May, 1919, Daly was again elected with his four running mates and has been re-elected every time he ran since, although losing control of the board now and then.

At the last city election he was ill and unable to conduct a campaign but the ticket backed by him won the easiest victory ever won by any group in Bayonne's history.

With one or two exceptions all the public schools in Bayonne were built under Daly's administrations. Another notable achievement during his term in public office was the construction of a booster pumping station at the City Line

which assured an ample supply of water to the residents and industries of the city. There had been a shortage of water for many years and in many sections of the city water could not be had as high as the second story. A modern lighting system, making Bayonne one of the best lighted cities in the State, was also installed under his administration, and many of the remaining streets were improved.

Daly had the vision to realize the importance of the extension of solid fill lines on Newark Bay, permitting the city to fill in the land under water, and in two separate applications to the Government was successful in getting these lines extended some 600 feet. This permitted the reclamation of land to create the present park lands at the County Park, Veterans Park and City Park at 16th Street, adding hundreds of acres of land to the city's area at very little cost.

Daly was the father of the Terminal Development and carried the fight through the courts of New Jersey and Washington, finally establishing the city's right to proceed with the improvement. His efforts to bring about the development of this project were supported by Commissioners Roberson and Griffin. Since its completion the property has been acquired by the U. S. Government for a Naval Base and the city will receive many millions of dollars through this transaction.

Daly has always been a believer in the development of Bayonne's eastern shore and has always felt that Bayonne's future was dependent upon the development of that area.

He was appointed Visiting Physician at the County Alms House in 1913 and became County Physician in 1916, in which capacity he served up until December, 1938. The following year he was appointed Medical Director of the Hospital for Contagious Diseases, Hudson County, with which he has been connected for twenty-three years.

MISS GILDA GRAY

Miss Gilda Gray, one of America's top-notch entertainers and the season of 1941 saw her appearing nightly in Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe, was born in Krakow, Poland, in 1901 as Maryanna Michalska. She was brought by her parents



MISS GILDA GRAY

from Poland to Bayonne, New Jersey, where she received her early education and where she spent several years while her father worked for a large oil company. The family later moved to Milwaukee and from that time on, Gilda's career might be described as a true arc in the sky of the amusement world. The blonde, blue-eyed, lithe, electrifying dancer was known in another decade as the "Shimmy Queen" as she created the dance by that name which became an international rage. Gilda Gray spent a couple of years and traveled some 10,000 miles on expeditions to Mexico and Africa to satisfy a notion of hers that the "shimmy" was no shadow, sensual fabrication of her own but an ancient, authentic and universal art form.

On her first expedition with some fellow explorers and a battery of movie cameras, Miss Gray traveled to remote sections of Central America collecting thousands of feet of film of native dancers.

On her second and more ambitious expedition, with an outfit of ten fellow travelers, she sailed for Marseilles and from there to Algiers, where the expedition shifted from ships to camels, packed up their cameras and other equipment, and set out for the Sahara. Gilda took a casual interest in the exotic settings of the North African coast but she was looking for dancers. She found them in the bazaars, in cheap waterfront dives, in the oases on the edge of the desert. Her cameras caught them all and the film was carefully stored away.

With the cooperation of the French Government, she went through Colomb and Bechar into the Atlas Mountains down into French Sudan and for 400 miles along the banks of the Niger River to Timbuktu. This old and fabulous city, which is a sort of African melting pot, was a hotbed of Terpsichorean antics. Wherever there was dancing, Gilda stopped and her cameras clicked. She spent hours with kinky-haired, thick-lipped "chorines" in the jungle, taking their pictures and marveling at their animal grace.

Miss Gray was very popular with music publishers and the young singer received numbers as they came out and thus it was she who was the first to introduce "St. Louis Blues" among others.

The first place she appeared in New York was Maxim's and she was such a hit there that producers flocked around her and J. J. Shubert engaged her for his "Gaieties of 1919." She appeared under the name Mary Gray and it was Sophie Tucker who inspired her to change it to Gilda and thus the star was named.

Gilda had three romances and three divorces. With Gil Boag, her second husband, they opened a night club of their own called the "Rendez-Fous in 45th Street, New York, where flocked the elite, literary, social and sports—of gay Gotham. Ziegfeld was so impressed with Gilda and the sensation she was scoring at the night club, he made her co-star with Will Rogers in his Follies. Miss Gray has also appeared in pictures. She toured here and abroad with "Aloma of the South Seas" and then having completed another picture, "The Devil Dancer," she had accumulated a fortune estimated to have been more than \$2,000,000.

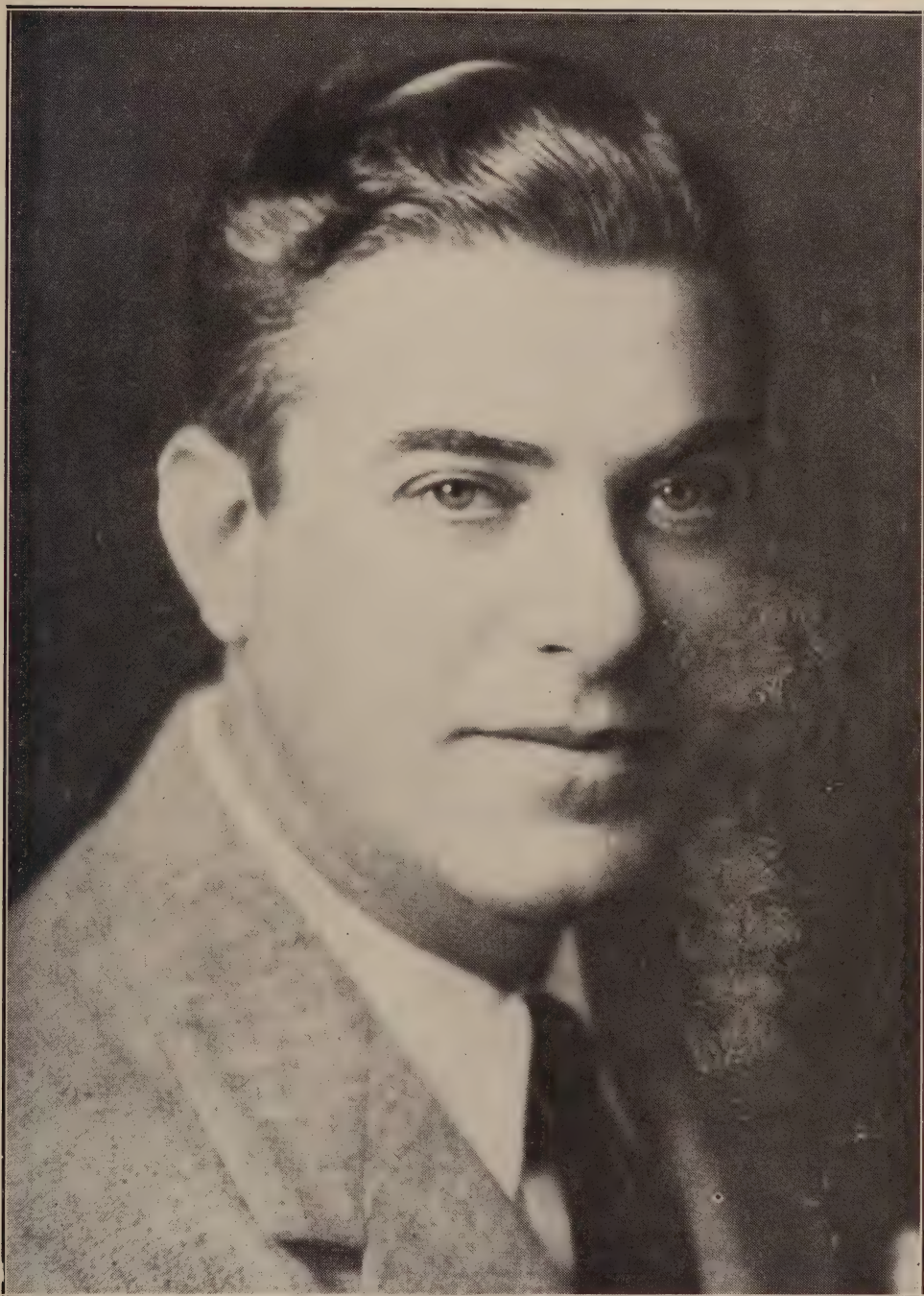
Gilda has two pet canaries—as dogs and cats belong in the country home, she feels canaries are wonderful pets in city homes or hotels.

ED. J. GUTERMAN

Ed. J. Guterman, a native of Bayonne, attended Lincoln Public School and Bayonne High. He has a gift for music and during his high school days played the violin in the orchestra.

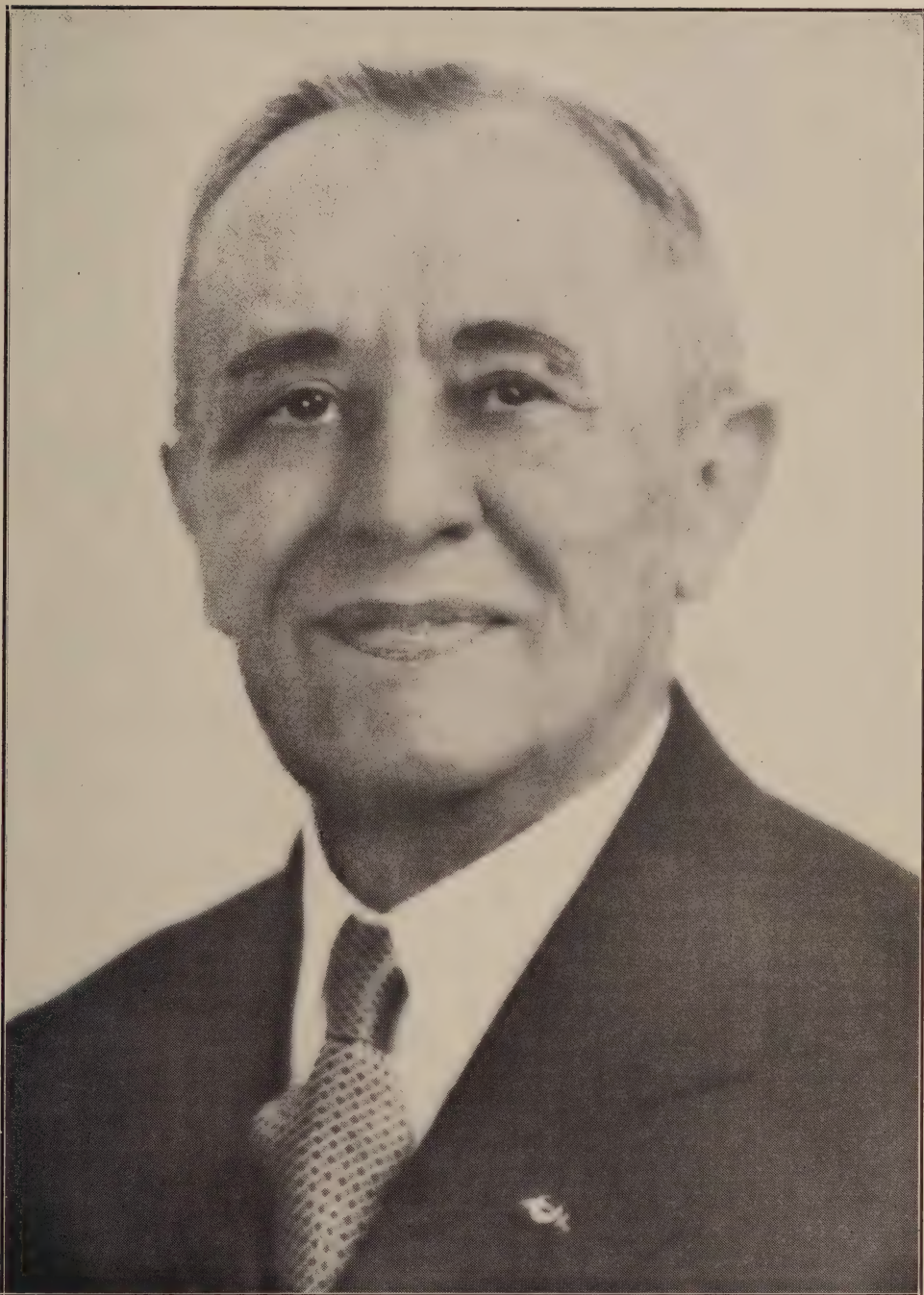
He entered into his father's business, established in 1902, and later became a partner. The firm then became known as H. Guterman and Son. Several years later, his father retired and Ed. took over the sole ownership and the business was known from then on as "Ed. J. Guterman." In 1933 he moved to his present location, 569-71 Broadway, opposite the Post Office. In 1937 he opened two branch stores, one in Passaic and one in Hackensack, New Jersey. All the stores specialize in made-to-measure clothes for men.

Mr. Guterman was twice president of the Broadway Business Men's Association and during that time sponsored and wrote the "Sunday Closing Ordinance" for retail wearing apparel stores. The ordinance prohibiting itinerant merchants in the city of Bayonne was also sponsored by him.



ED. J. GUTERMAN





SOLOMON J. HARWI

During the N.R.A. period he was president of the Bayonne Local Retail Code Authority. For several years he was treasurer of the Bayonne Rowing Association. He was one of the organizers of the Bayonne Theatre Guild and the Little Theatre Group, serving as business manager for both. Later he organized and was first president of the Bayonne Dramatic Club. During the period of the Mayor's Unemployment Relief Committee when relief was handled locally, he was in charge of clothing distribution for that committee. In Bayonne's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1937, he was director of "Pageant Personnel."

Mr. Guterman is very active in Bayonne's activities and among his clubs and organizations are: Bayonne Lodge of Elks No. 434; Bayonne Lodge No. 99, F. & A.M.; Bayonne Masonic Club No. 697; The Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Jersey City; Chamber of Commerce; Bayonne Rotary Club, is a past president and also past District Secretary of Rotary International, 182nd District and a member of Civic Council of United Service Clubs and chairman of the Council's Committee that sponsored the Food Handlers Ordinance. He has served on Boy Scout, Salvation Army and Red Cross committees and was chairman of the Merchants' Division of the U.S.O. Drive. He is an accomplished pianist.

His present home is 28 East 41st Street where he lives with his wife and son, Michael.

SOLOMON J. HARWI

Solomon J. Harwi came to Bayonne in 1897 and resides at 910 Avenue C. He was born at Friedensville, Pa. and is the son of Owen and Sarah Ann (Hartman) Harwi of Colonial ancestry. Educated in the public schools. Graduated from the South Bethlehem, Pa. high school and the School of Civil Engineering at Lehigh University.

He was married at Flushing, L. I. to Miss Ida B. Munson and they have a son, Lawrence Hartman Harwi, and two grandchildren, Lawrence Hartman Harwi, Jr. and Joyce Dawn Harwi.

After graduation, he was employed for several years by

the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company on railroad location, structural design and bridges. He then became bridge engineer for the Baltimore Forwarding and Railroad Company at Baltimore, Md. From thence he came to Long Island where he was employed as a municipal engineer. He was the resident engineer in charge of construction of the water works at Elmhurst, Long Island. His next employment was with the Babcock and Wilcox Company. He had charge of the construction of their Bayonne works and later became head of their marine department.

Mr. Harwi was city engineer of Bayonne for several years. During the World War he was structural engineer for the Research Corporation of New York. Since then he has devoted himself largely to research, designs, estimates, investigations, valuations and reports, valuation work for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and electrical precipitation work for Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation.

He is licensed as a professional engineer in New York and New Jersey and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Association of Engineers, the University Club of Hudson County, N. J., of which he is a past president, the New York Lehigh Club, the Mutual Culture Club of Bayonne, Tau Beta Pi Association, and the National Geographic Society. He is a 32d degree Mason, a Knights Templar and a Shriner.

He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Democrat in politics.

MONSIGNOR WILLIAM F. LAWLOR

Monsignor William F. Lawlor was ordained in 1912 at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall. He was made Assistant Superintendent of Schools in 1914 and appointed Superintendent in 1921. In 1929 he was made Rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Bayonne.

In the National Catholic Education Association, Monsignor Lawlor has served as President of Parochial School Department; a member of General Executive Committee; and National President of School Superintendents. He is the



MONSIGNOR WILLIAM F. LAWLOR

author of New Jersey and New York Geography School Texts, and a collaborator in the compiling and editing of books of poems for pupils in the elementary grades.

He is a Trustee of Seton Hall College; Deputy of Temporalities at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington and one of the seven Archdiocesan Consultors of His Excellency Archbishop Thomas Joseph Walsh. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the New Jersey N. Y. A. Educational Project.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MELLOR, D.D.S.

Born in Essex Street, Jersey City of French Irish descendants, Dr. Mellor is an outstanding dentist who has been practising at his residence, 899 Avenue C, for many years. His ancestors built what is now known as "The Old Perrine House" the oldest dwelling on Staten Island situated at 1476 Richmond Road, Dongan Hills. This house was occupied by Edward Perrine and his descendants, from 1758 to 1915. The old mansion became the Historical Mecca of Staten Island. On February 15, 1915 it became the property of the Staten Island Antiquarian Society, later united with the Historical Society of Staten Island. It will be preserved by that Society as an example of Colonial Architecture. On May 4, 1928 a tablet was unveiled on the front of the Perrine House by the Richmond County Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Other ancestors of this well known dentist settled in Englishtown, Spotswood and Jersey City.

Dr. Mellor attended School No. 13 in the Lafayette section of Jersey City, where he spent most of his boyhood. He was a school mate of former Governor A. Harry Moore.

From his earliest boyhood he was interested in athletics and he ranked high in sports, winning prizes in the Lafayette Athletic Club in boxing and running. While still a young lad, he swam around the Statue of Liberty from Communipaw—a distance of five miles.

After graduating from high school he spent two years in southwest Colorado, New Mexico and Montana ranching, after which he returned east to enter college.

In 1892 he graduated from New York University with high honors with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Later he interned on Blackwell's Island where he spent three summers. During his college days he played on the New York University Football Team.

From college, he came to Bayonne where he started his career and where he is still practising. Shortly after coming to Bayonne he married Miss Anna Clement Jaccard, daughter of Jules Gustav Jaccard and Zelia Celestine (Vignot) Jaccard, both French settlers in New York. Born of this marriage are two daughters, Dorothy Ruth (Mrs. Elmer Clarke Woodward of Westfield, N. J.) and Gladys Juliette (Mrs. Wayne Sinclair of Bayonne), and one granddaughter, Lois Jaccard Woodward of Westfield.

Dr. Mellor was confirmed in St. John's Episcopal Church in Jersey City.

A man of integrity, veracity and civic virtue, he served in the Bayonne Volunteer Fire Department for eleven years as an active member in Hope Hose Company and he filled, with credit, office of Foreman.

He was boomed many times for Mayor of the City as a man of sterling qualities. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

Dr. Mellor served on the first Excise Board in Bayonne from 1912 to 1914 of which Board, Chief of Police C. J. O'Neill was President. He also was a candidate for Freeholder of Hudson County, a running mate with the late John T. Dempsey. They both lost by a very small margin. He was also a candidate for Councilman in the Third Ward.

For two years, Dr. Mellor served as President of the Association of Exempt Firemen and when he retired from that office was tendered a testimonial dinner by his fellow members who presented him with a gold badge. He also served for five years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of that association.

For many years he was an enthusiastic yachtsman owning several sailboats and taking part in regattas and races in the Pavonia Yacht Club of which for many years he was a member. So skillful was his manipulation in sailing a boat, he won many races and was affectionately referred to by his



GEORGE WASHINGTON MELLOR, D.D.S.

sailing opponents as "Foxy Skipper." Dr. Mellor is one of the four honorary members of the Pavonia Yacht Club. The other three are the late former Governor Leon Abbett, Former Congressman Eugene Kinkead and the late Hon. Matthew T. Cronin, one time Mayor of Bayonne.

Dr. Mellor has been a member of the Bayonne Lodge No. 99 F. & A.M. for thirty-three years and, in the past, was an active member of the Bayonne Rowing Association in which he rowed in various shells. On one occasion, at stroke position in a four-oared barge, he rowed around Staten Island, a distance of forty-five miles.

He was also affiliated with the Eagles; American Mechanics; Royal Arcanum and Legion of Honor in which he was Financial Secretary; and is an Elk in which order he held office as Esteemed Loyal Knight and Chairman of the House Committee. For the past twelve years he has served on the Hudson County Board of Trustees of the S.P.C.A. He served as the first President of the Bayonne Dental Society. He is a life member of the State Firemen's Association and an honorary member of the P.B.A.

AARON A. MELNIKER

Lieutenant-Colonel

Aaron A. Melniker was brought to Bayonne by his parents as a child in 1894, and has lived here continuously ever since. He was graduated from Public School No. 2 in 1898; from Bayonne High School in 1901, and from Columbia Law School in 1904. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1905 as an Attorney at Law, and in 1908 as a Counsellor at Law. He has also been admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court and in the courts of New York State.

In 1906 he was elected on the Republican ticket as a member of the Common Council from the Second Ward, and served for two years, the youngest man ever elected to that body. As a minority leader, he locked horns on the floor of the Council with John Donohoe, brother of former Mayor L. F. Donohoe, Cornelius O'Mahoney, Joseph McCormick,

former Mayor Matthew T. Cronin, and other Democratic stalwarts, in political battles which filled the headlines of those days.

Upon the expiration of his term as member of the Common Council, he was appointed by Mayor Garven as Assistant City Attorney, in which capacity he served for several years.

He engineered the first Democratic-Republican fusion ticket in Bayonne in 1914, as a result of which, Dr. Bert Daly, although a Democrat, got the Republican nomination for Mayor, and with the support of the Republicans and independent Democrats, defeated Matthew T. Cronin for that office.

He was appointed a member of the Board of Education in 1914 and served as President of the Board in 1915-1916.

At the outbreak of the World War, he enrolled in the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Myer, Va., and in August 1917 was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Field Artillery, and assigned to the 314th Field Artillery of the 80th Division, in which he served in France. He was promoted 1st Lieutenant in December 1917 and was in command of a battery of the 314th Field Artillery when it sailed for France. At the beginning of the Argonne Offensive, he was appointed Regimental Artillery Information Officer and served in that capacity throughout the Argonne Offensive, his duties consisting chiefly of maintaining liaison between the front line infantry and the artillery support.

Two brothers, William and Jerome, who also volunteered at the outbreak of the war, were in France at the same time. A third brother, Edward, was in the navy.

After the armistice, he was assigned as instructor in the School of Firing at Valdahon, France, where he remained until the following May, when he returned to the United States and was discharged at Fort Meade, Md. in June 1919. He then returned to Bayonne and resumed the practice of law.

He was appointed City Attorney in 1921 and served in that capacity until 1923.

He was elected President of the Hudson County Bar Association in 1934.

In 1931, he was appointed Judge of the Bayonne District Court, and reappointed in 1936.



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AARON A. MELNIKER



MISS MARY GRIFFITH PETERS

He maintains law offices at No. 40 Journal Square, Jersey City, N. J.

He was one of the organizers of the John Marshall Law School and has been a member of the faculty since its organization in 1928 as Professor of Contract Law.

He has always maintained his interest in military affairs since his discharge from the army and was commissioned a Major in the Judge Advocate General's Department, Reserve, in 1925. He was called to active duty and assigned to Fort Dix on September 25, 1940, and on February 21, 1941 was transferred to Governors Island where he was Acting Judge Advocate of the Second Corps Area. On June 5, 1941 the President promoted him to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He was a member of the New Jersey Bar Association Committee on Restatement of Law, 1934-1936; Hudson County Bar Association Committee on Revision of the State Constitution; Trustee, John Marshall College of Law, 1928-1937, now a member of the Advisory Board.

He is Past Exalted Ruler of the Bayonne Lodge of Elks; Past Chancellor Commander of Arion Lodge, Knights of Pythias, one of the organizers of Menorah Lodge, F. & A.M., a member of Pamrapau Lodge Improved Order of Redmen; member of the Hudson County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association; member of the Columbia Law School Alumni Association.

MISS MARY GRIFFITH PETERS

Librarian

The patrons of the Free Public Library of Bayonne, New Jersey, are familiar with the fact that the genius in charge is Miss Mary Griffith Peters and that she is most efficiently discharging the duties of her responsible position. Not so many, however, know of the careful training and the years of activity which prepared her for success as a librarian.

Miss Peters, daughter of Evan and Hannah (Parker) Peters was born in Haddonfield, New Jersey, August 27, 1879, and after graduation from the Haddonfield High

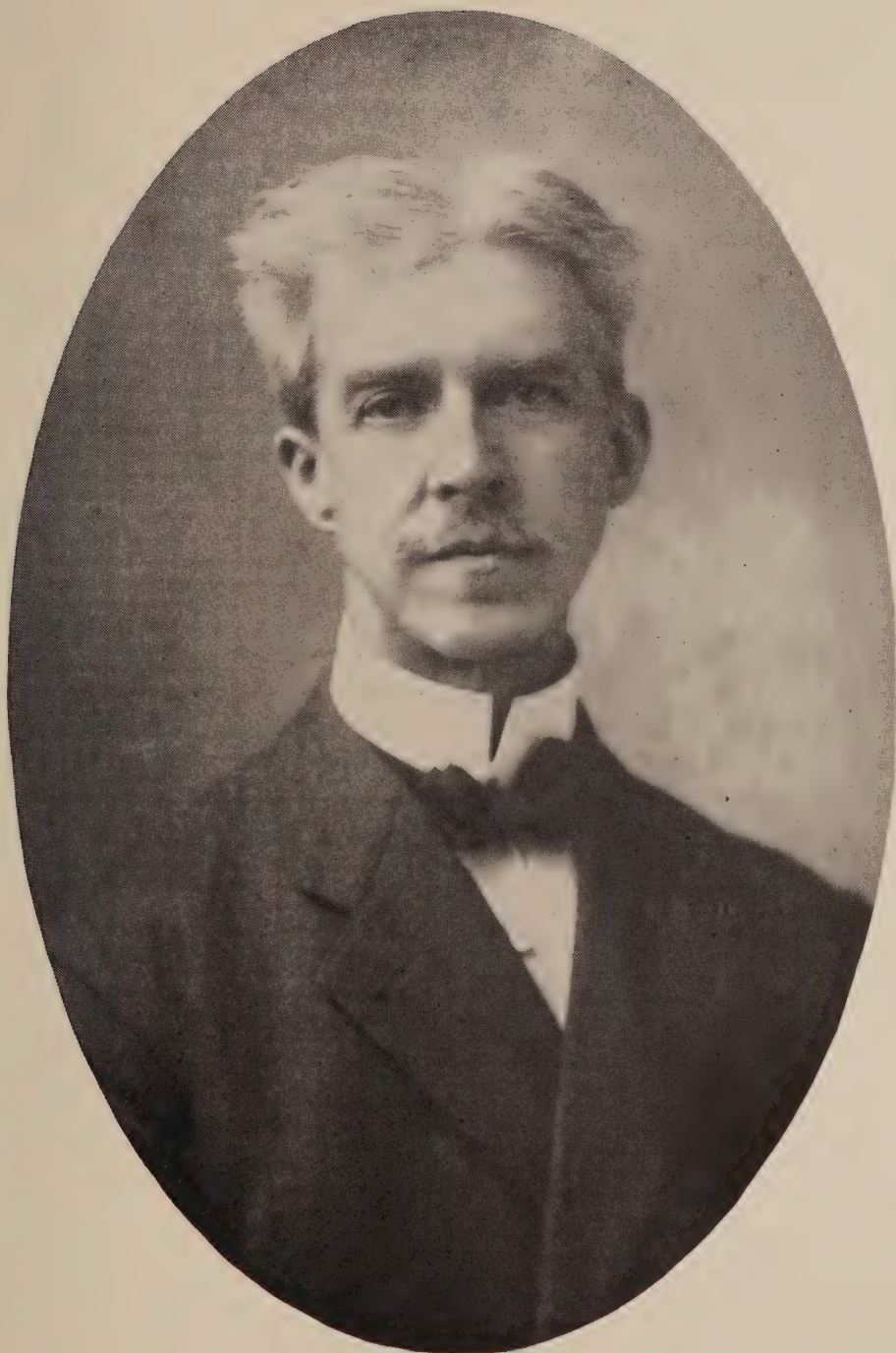
School continued study in the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton, New Jersey, the University of Pennsylvania, and attended and completed the course in library economy at Amherst College and that of the Library School of the New Jersey Public Library Commission.

After graduation from the Trenton Normal School she began her professional career as a teacher in one of the grammar schools of Elizabeth, New Jersey, where she taught for two and a half years. At the end of the time she accepted a position in her home town, Haddonfield, where she remained for six years, teaching in the grammar and high schools. Miss Peters merged and formed the Haddonfield Public Library by reorganizing and cataloging the Haddon Athenaeum Library and the Society of Friends Library; she catalogued the Camden County Teachers' Pedagogical Library and the Haddonfield High School Library. In the summer of 1907 she was made an assistant librarian of the Bayonne Public Library.

Eight months later she was promoted to the position of librarian, and during the thirty-four years which have passed since that time she has given the reading public of Bayonne notable efficient service. She not only knows the Bayonne Public Library thoroughly but she also knows the intellectual interests of the citizens of Bayonne.

During the World War she rendered valuable service. She represented the American Library Association in the United War Work Campaign; assisted the draft board by taking charge of the occupational classification and questionnaires and had charge of the handling of all the books and magazines of the hospitals and ships in the military district in which Bayonne is located; had charge of questionnaires for the Liberty Loan drives; and also served on the Federal Food Commission; she was chairman of the Committee on International Institutions for Foreign Born Women and also was active in the United States Employment Bureau of Bayonne.

Miss Peters is very active and influential in club affairs, and takes an active part in a large number of civic and educational projects. She was president of the Bayonne Woman's Club from 1920 to 1922; president of the Library Workers' Association; of the Athena Club; secretary and treasurer of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; a member of the Board



JAMES T. R. PROCTOR

of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association; the Betterment Club; the New York State Library Club; Special Libraries Association; American Library Association; North Jersey Alumni Association of the New Jersey State College; the Historical Society of Haddonfield; the Hudson County Tuberculosis League; honorary member of the Bayonne Historical Society; was also treasurer and member of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Library Association. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of valuable work which has been accomplished by this busy woman who has given a large share of her time to the community and to her profession in taking care of the needs of the reading public of Bayonne, New Jersey.

Miss Peters has traveled extensively in Europe and in this country; has always been active in outdoor sports, is a charter member of the Copper Hill Country Club. Miss Peters was selected by the Woman's Club of Bayonne "Pioneer Woman" during the 50th anniversary of the Federated Womens Clubs; her name was also selected to represent Bayonne on the tablet in the Music Hall of the New Jersey College for Women.

JAMES T. R. PROCTOR

1850 - 1936

James T. R. Proctor, journalist, was born in Knaresbrough, England, July 9, 1850, the son of Sergeant John Rosewaine Proctor and Janet (Conaway) Proctor. He was educated in private schools, a student of theology in the Glasgow University and was for some time a lay preacher in Scotland. He decided that preaching was not his forte, became a newspaperman and was editor and publisher of several publications before coming to the United States.

The family resided in Providence, Rhode Island and New York before moving to Bayonne, about 1885.

For a number of years, Mr. Proctor was the local representative of the *New York Sun*, *World*, *Times*, and the old *Commercial Advertiser* which was later absorbed by the *World-Telegram*.

In 1892, he, among several prominent citizens in Bayonne, started the *Bayonne Budget*, later named the *Standard*, which became one of the most influential and successful weekly newspapers in the city. It was as publisher of the *Standard* that he was induced to combine his newspaper with the *Bayonne Times*, which was then in a precarious financial condition, which he learned some years later to his sorrow. With the help of alleged Jersey justices, a renegade lawyer-politician and a bank president, he was deprived of his newspaper property. He later started the *Bayonne Review* which he conducted with his sons, until 1917 when it was sold to a syndicate.

Mr. Proctor, after his retirement from the newspaper field, became treasurer of the Centaur Film Company.

Some of the highlights in Mr. Proctor's career as a newspaper man were the advocacy of a bridge across the Kill van Kull, which became a reality in the Bayonne Bridge; the Free Public Library of which as a Trustee, he was instrumental in securing a building financed by the city and the Carnegie Foundation; the location of the Post Office in the central part of the city, of which he was a member of the committee to select the site. While in control of the newspapers he was an influential writer on politics and general matters bearing on public welfare.

Mr. Proctor married in Dundee, Scotland, February 14, 1878, Mary Dempsey Mackinlay, of which marriage there were four children: John, Alexander, James and Vera Proctor. He died in Easton, Massachusetts February 21, 1936.

He was an honorary member of Scotia Lodge No. 634, F. and A.M. and several other organizations in the City of Bayonne.

ROBERT J. TALBOT

1866 - 1935

Robert J. Talbot was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of the late Major and Mrs. Talbot. His father was a Major in the Seaforth Highlanders and was detailed to duty at Stirling Castle in Edinburgh. Robert's father had an in-



ROBERT J. TALBOT

terest in a candle factory in Scotland and when Robert graduated from school he went into the factory to learn the business. When Lombard & Ayers in Bayonne (later the Tide Water Oil Co.) started the candle works, Robert and his father were sent for to take charge—the father as foreman and Robert doing special work on fancy stock coloring and decorating candles. Major Talbot resigned from the Army when Robert was about seventeen years old and came to this country with his six children and took up their residence in Bayonne. Later Robert became foreman of the Company when his father went away to Australia in 1888.

On February 20, 1889, Robert married Isabelle Spaven. He remained with the Tide Water for sixteen years and then entered the grocery business opening a store at the southwest corner of Avenue C and 25th Street. Later he built his own store at 611 Avenue C, where he continued business until the United States entered the World War, when he retired. During the World War, he served as Government Appeal Agent for the Second District Draft Board, having been appointed by Governor Walter E. Edge. His two sons, Robert, Jr. and Douglas were in the World War.

Mr. Talbot was a man of great energy and fine persistence, was honest, unpretentious and with a fine conviction of the duties of a citizen. He was devoted to the interests of Bayonne as a voter and later as an official.

In 1915 he ran on the Fusion Ticket as an independent for the City Commission and received a total of 1,603 votes, the highest polled by any of the independent candidates.

In 1919 he ran on the United Citizens' League Ticket and was elected, being assigned to Public Safety. He was transferred to Parks and Public Property as a result of differences with his colleagues. He always lived up to his title of "Fighting Bob" by which he was affectionately known by thousands.

In 1923 he ran again and was elected. The Honest Government League majority made Talbot Mayor and he filled that post for the entire four years.

During his term of office as Mayor, he sponsored many important public movements and he formed the first committee to meet the Mayor and Committee in Staten Island which was

the first real concrete start to build the Kill van Kull bridge to Staten Island from Bayonne.

In November 1926 when the New Jersey Central Railroad held their formal opening of the new bridge across Newark Bay, the officials sent a special train to West Eighth Street Depot to convey Mayor Talbot and his party to the scene and the return home, after the dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

In 1927 Talbot was a candidate on the League to Redeem Our City but the ticket was defeated and he then retired from politics and spent much of his time at his summer home in Laurelton, N. J.

REV. ANTHONY A. TRALKA

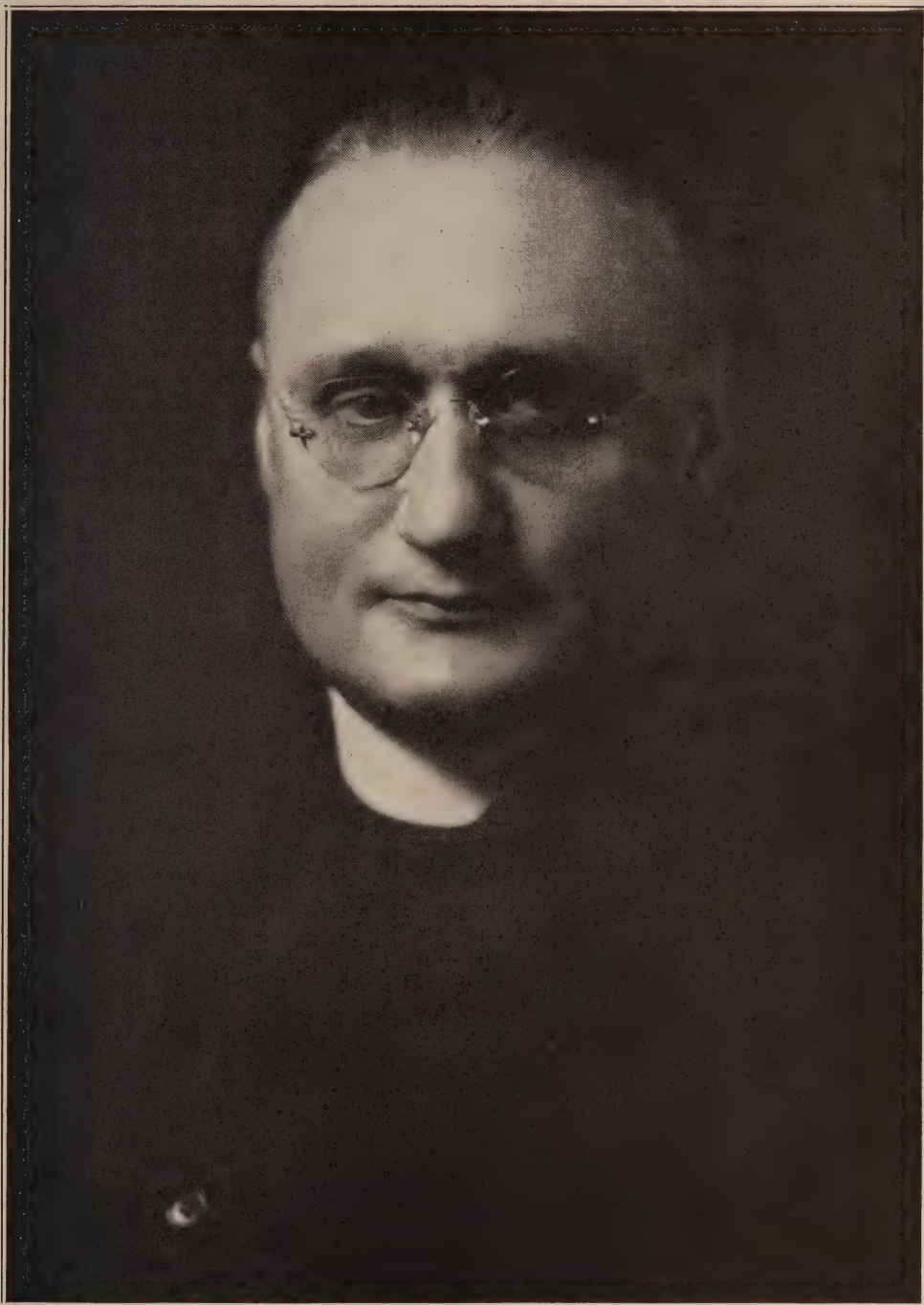
Anthony A. Tralka was born in Frysztak, Poland, on March 19, 1890. He received his early education in the Polish elementary schools. After coming to this country, he attended high school and St. Mary's Polish College in Detroit, Michigan. His seminary training was received in St. Mary's in Baltimore, Maryland and he was ordained there on June 17, 1913. He took a Post Graduate course in the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. He received his A.B. degree in 1908; M. A. in 1909; S. T. B. St. Mary's Baltimore 1912.

Father Tralka's first appointment was in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Polish Catholic Church on East 22nd Street, as a Curate under Monsignor Swider where he served from 1914 to 1915.

He was next assigned to St. Joseph's Church in Passaic, N. J. where he served from 1915 to 1921.

He organized St. Stanislaus Church, Plainfield, N. J. where he built a church and he remained there from 1921 until 1929. Father Tralka was appointed Professor of Polish Literature in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. 1928 to 1938.

On May 24, 1929 he was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He built the Rectory adjoining the church in 1930 and reorganized Mt. Carmel Lyceum, St. Theresa's Club and Sodality of B.V.M. He organized the Altar Society and P.T.A.



REV. ANTHONY A. TRALKA

WILLIAM M. WAUTERS

1865 - 1939

The late Mr. William Morris Wauters was born September 1, 1865 in the old Wauters' homestead, 583 Avenue D, now Broadway. He was the first born son of Stephen Vreeland Wauters and Emily Sophia Christopher.

His ancestry traces back to Adrian Post who came to Pavonia, now Jersey City, from the Netherlands, Holland, in 1653. History has it that Adrian Post, his wife and family were taken prisoners by the savage Indians in 1655 and escaped by the payment of a heavy ransom in 1656, and Post was thereby dispatched by the Bergen colonists to treat with the Sachems of the Hackensack tribes for the release of other prisoners.

Mrs. Penelope Post Wauters, Mr. Wauters' great grandmother, was deeded a parcel of land in 1822 by her father, Egbert Post. This land was where the Mansion House stood, probably about 54th Street near the Toll Bridge. She had a brother, Adrian Post and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stuyvesant Post was a daughter of Peter Stuyvesant. The First Reformed Church in Bayonne was organized by Mrs. Penelope Post Wauters at her home December 9, 1828 and her son, Garrett, was the first Secretary of the Church.

Stephen Vreeland Wauters, Garrett Wauters' son and father of Mr. Wauters, was a member of the board of Education of Bayonne in the Nineties. Mrs. Cornelia Vreeland Wauters, wife of Garrett Wauters, owned a farm at what is now 28th Street extending from Broadway to the Newark Bay Shore which was subsequently sold and divided up and is now the site of the Senior and Junior High Schools as well as many homes and dwellings.

The first day William Wauters went to school was the first day Public School No. 2 was opened.

William M. Wauters and Agnes B. Spaven were married on October 20, 1886 by the Rev. William W. Knox, then Pastor of the First Reformed Church. They had two children: Bessiebelle who died in 1890 and Alfred B. Wauters who died in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Wauters celebrated their Golden

Wedding Anniversary in 1936. Mr. Wauters is survived by one grandson, John William Wauters.

Mr. Wauters was employed by the Tide Water Associated Oil Company for a period of forty-four years, retiring in 1926 because of heart trouble. He was superintendent of the Case Department at the time of his retirement. He was the inventor of the Wauters' Automatic Boxmaking Machine, which was used by the Tidewater, Standard and Texas Oil Companies, with a capacity of 20,000 boxes a day.

A number of men in Public Affairs in the city today formerly were in Mr. Wauters' employ as boys. They, one and all, speak highly of his kindly disposition. He was genial with a strong sense of humor and made many friends both in Bayonne and at his summer home in Laurelton, New Jersey.

His death occurred June 10, 1939 and, following funeral services in the crowded First Reformed Church of his ancestors, Mr. Wauters' body was laid to repose in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

MRS. WILLIAM M. WAUTERS

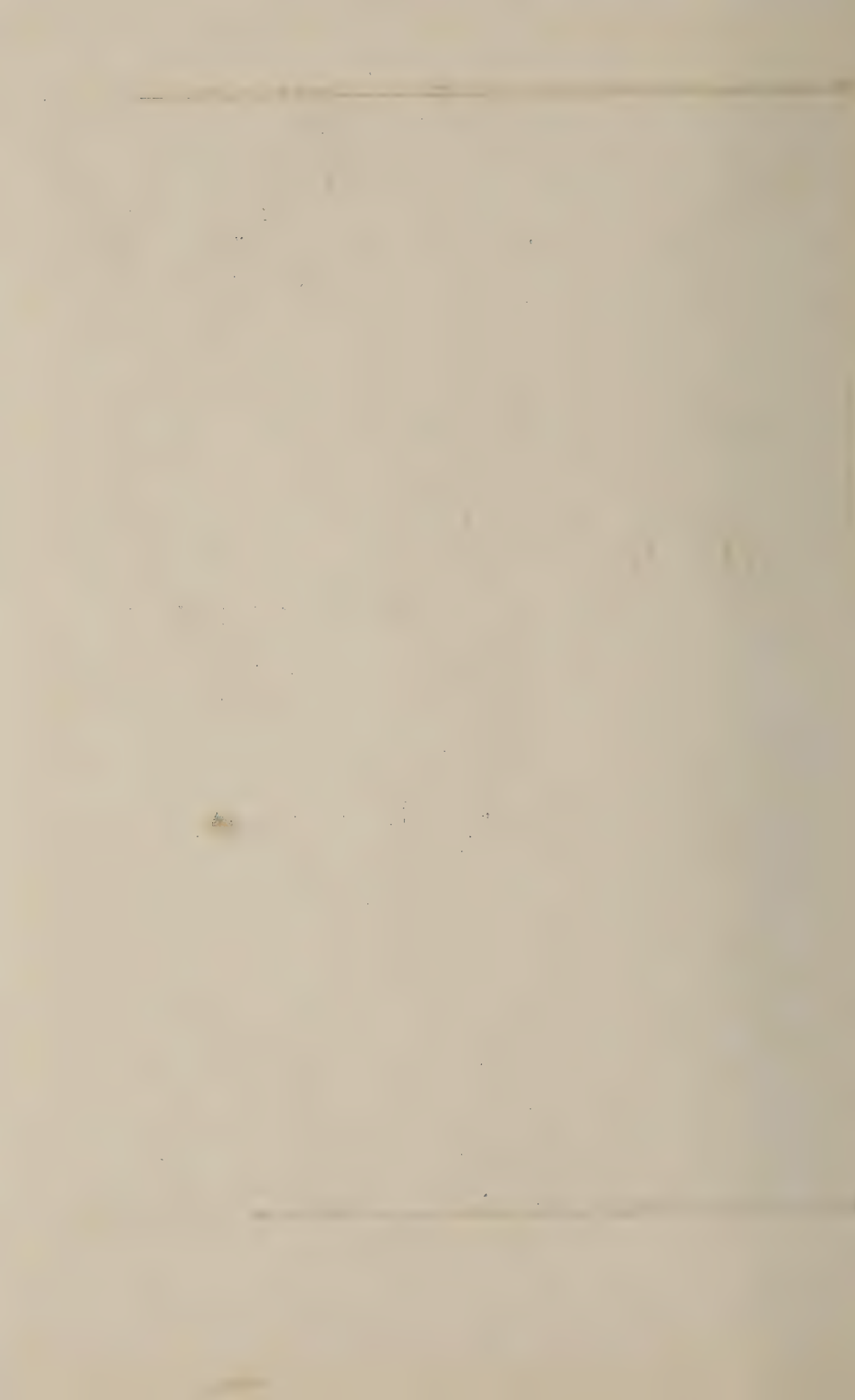
Agnes B. Spaven, later Mrs. William M. Wauters, was born in Albany, New York, of English-Scotch parentage. Her father was English and her mother, Scotch. Mrs. Wauters traces her ancestry to the "House of Stuart" once the reigning family of Scotland. Her early education was acquired in schools in Albany and Brooklyn, New York. During a subsequent five-year period she attended a private school in England. Returning to her native land, she attended Business College.

In 1880 Mr. Spaven came to Bayonne with the Standard Oil Company bringing his family with him. Agnes was married to William M. Wauters, member of a prominent Bayonne family, on October 20, 1886 in the First Reformed Church by the Rev. William W. Knox.

In 1894 Mrs. Wauters joined the Woman's Social and Political Advancement Society, later the Woman's Political Study Club. They helped secure money for a Soldier's monument for Civil and Spanish-American War Veterans and Mrs.



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Wauters was among those who attended the exercises for the unveiling of the monument. The club entertained the first pioneer women of New Jersey, and was also the first in the city to work for Woman's Suffrage. Mrs. Wauters is a member of two charter-member clubs of the State Federation; The Woman's Social and Political Advancement Society and the Felipsa Magazine Club, and attended the organization meeting of the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs as a representative of the Felipsa Club. At that time Mrs. Wauters was on the staff of the *Bayonne Herald* and collected the first ten dollars for the Red Cross fund; and for this was presented by the paper with a handsomely framed allegorical picture of the delivery of Cuba. Later she was the first to pay her dollar as a member of Bayonne's Red Cross Society, organized in the home of Mrs. Thomas Agnew of West 8th Street.

In 1896, Mrs. Wauters headed a committee of three: Mrs. Edwin Cadmus and Mrs. George Reed who collected funds and raised a banner for McKinley and Hobart, the latter from New Jersey, who later became our president and vice-president.

Mrs. Wauters was a member of the Woman's Board of Bayonne's First Hospital: St. Luke's, located on East 22nd Street in 1897 and participated in furnishing a room both there and in the new Bayonne Story Memorial Hospital as a member of the Helpful Circle of King's Daughters. She was editor of *St. Luke's Monthly Bulletin* when Dr. Alexander Dallas was head of the medical staff.

For ten years, 1894-1904 she worked in a Mission Church in the poorer section of the city and was later rewarded by the success of her pupils, one becoming an officer of the *S. S. Leviathan*; another a Sunday School Superintendent and one girl, a dramatic star. Mrs. Wauters was president of the Woman's Aid Society of the First Reformed Church for two terms and for twenty years was Superintendent of two Junior Christian Endeavor Societies and worked under the Honorable A. Harry Moore who was Hudson County Superintendent of Juniors and who became Governor of New Jersey.

About this time, Mrs. Wauters was elected president of the Alpha Literary and Musical Club and persuaded the

members to join the State federation. As president of this club, she designed a pin of a lyre and book for the members and established "Original Day" when every member was to present an original number for the program.

Mrs. Wauters was a member of the group of one hundred women who visited the Park Board and demanded a park for Bayonne before Jersey City secured its second County Park; and shortly afterwards, it was decided to place the next county park in Bayonne on its present site.

About this time, Mrs. Jesse Ropes, as president of the State Federation appointed Mrs. Wauters as chairman of the Conservation Department. Mrs. Wauters started the safety movement of the Conservation of Human Life and through her efforts Governor Walter E. Edge issued a proclamation for a safety week in New Jersey. Safety literature and buttons were sent to every public school in the State and 300,000 children had safety lessons that week. The Public Service placed safety posters in every trolley car in New Jersey.

In 1915, for the Conservation Department, Mrs. Wauters took up the beautifying of the Lincoln Highway in New Jersey, and had Governor Fielder plant a tree to Lincoln at the entrance to Lincoln Park, Jersey City. A tree was also planted to Governor Fielder. Mrs. Wauters secured the attendance of President Woodrow Wilson at a tree planting in Princeton when he, as president, planted a tree and laurel in memory of Lincoln; and Governor Fielder planted trees and laurel in honor of President Wilson. The spade which President Wilson used has been preserved and an account of the occasion engraved on the blade. It is now in the Museum of the Lincoln Highway, Detroit, Michigan. There were twelve ceremonial plantings on the Lincoln Highway from Weehawken Heights, the Eastern Gate of the Highway, to Trenton where the highway goes over the Delaware into Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Wauters, as chairman of the National Flower Committee of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs appeared on the platform in the 66th Armory in New York City with Mrs. Percy Pennypacker, president of the General Federation and Mrs. John Dickenson Sherman, National Chairman of Conservation. They each carried a huge bouquet representing

two million members who had voted for the laurel as the national flower of the United States. In this cause she interviewed the first Mrs. Wilson at the White House and secured her recommendation for the laurel and Miss Eva Reichhelm who accompanied her presented Mrs. Wilson with a handsome centerpiece embroidered in laurel. Mrs. Wilson then invited the committee of two to her private apartment where she showed them several paintings she had made of the laurel. Mrs. Wauters also interviewed Admiral Dewey who had secured adoption of the "Star Spangled Banner" as our national anthem. She secured his endorsement and blessing and he wished her success in her efforts to obtain a national flower.

As Chairman of the National Flower Committee, Mrs. Wauters had the honor of making the presentation when General Pershing, after parading with his returning armies on Fifth Avenue, New York, returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where she and her committee were waiting. In behalf of the committee Mrs. Wauters gave to the victorious general of the A.E.F. a diamond studded watch fob in the form of a wreath of laurel, saying, "Others may give you the laurel of speech but we want to give you the laurels you have so nobly won in more concrete form. These laurels in gold will not fade and we hope you will wear it in memory of the great army of American women who at home have worked and prayed for your success."

She then read an acrostic composed of the letters of his name. General Pershing was visibly affected and said: "No one ever got so much out of my name before and this beautiful memento will be a treasured heirloom in my family."

Later when President Woodrow Wilson returned from Europe following the World War, Mrs. Wauters headed a committee who met him at the pier with a six foot wreath of laurel as the victorious president.

She has three original poems written in his own hand by Edwin Markham, America's great poet who also wrote on the same parchment: "To my friend, Mrs. Agnes Wauters, hoping that she will win her struggle for the laurel."

Mrs. Wauters was appointed by Mayor Pierre P. Garven as his vice-chairman of National Defense during the World

War. She had charge of all women's activities in Bayonne: Liberty Bonds in one drive of which \$120,000 worth of bonds were sold by the women's division; War Saving Stamps; Food Conservation; food pledge cards; farewell receptions to nurses going to the front; women's motor corps and a class in rifle practice.

She was organizing chairman of the Bayonne Woman's Club in 1915 and was chairman of the thrift committee on the Board of the State Federation during the War.

In 1912 Mrs. Wauters organized the Municipal Christmas Tree and Mrs. Santa Claus Association as an outdoor Christmas tree and still carries on the work, giving a Christmas party each year to 1,800 to 2,000 needy children with gifts of gloves, stockings, caps, toys, candy and oranges, in the largest theatre in the city. One of the City Fathers always acts as Santa Claus.

In her early youth, Mrs. Wauters saw General Grant who lay in state in New York City before his funeral. Later in life she attended the inaugurations and met personally Presidents Coolidge and Hoover and attended a reception to President Harding. She presented a framed picture of the inauguration of Governor Larsen and his acceptance of the oath of office to his mother, who on account of illness, was unable to attend.

Mrs. Wauters served four and one-half years as Publicity Director of the Woman's Club of New Jersey in connection with the activities of the New York Port Authority and in this capacity secured the endorsement of Women's Organizations in New Jersey for the Port Authority bills giving an appropriation of \$100,000 for the preliminary engineering plans for the three bridges on Staten Island and Bayonne, also the Holland Tunnel. Later she attended the opening exercises of the various bridges and tunnels as well as the Pulaski Skyway.

During the campaign of Herbert Hoover for president, she wrote a campaign song in his honor, which was accepted as one of the "Song Slogans" and duly acknowledged by letter from Mrs. Hoover.

In 1924 she was appointed to the Bayonne Board of Education and later was made vice president, then president, the

only woman who was ever president of the Bayonne Board of Education.

She secured a living Christmas tree from Mr. John D. Rockefeller for the Hudson County Park of Bayonne where exercises are held every Christmas Eve. The tree was planted in recognition of the Bi-Centennial of George Washington in 1932.

For fourteen years Mrs. Wauters was the vice chairman of the Bayonne Republican Committee and vice chairman of the Hudson County Republican Committee and organized a number of Woman's Republican Clubs in the city and county, among them: the Woman's Republican League, the Woman's Hoover Club, and the Hudson County Woman's Republican Club. She was a vice president of the first State Republican Club and was one of the assistants on the Hudson County Board of Elections.

Mrs. Wauters for about thirty years has been presenting, every semester, a gold medal to the graduate of the Bayonne Senior High School for the best class song. These graduations were frequently held twice each year, June and January.

Mrs. Wauters won the State Federation contest for a Federation song, entitled, "On New Jersey's Daughters" which was sung at its Convention in Atlantic City in 1914. She is widely known as a writer of verse. Among the songs which she has composed and had published are: "If I Had a Million Roses," "Silver Sails in the Twilight," "June Is in Your Face Sweetheart," "Dear Man of Mine," "Jersey Blues March Song" sung by five hundred graduates at the Bayonne Senior High School, June 1940 and her latest, a patriotic song, "Miss America." Most of Mrs. Wauters' songs have been sung on the radio.

She was on the staff of the *Bayonne Times* for nine years, the *Bayonne News* for nine years and has been on the staff of the *Jersey Journal* since 1934.

OUR UNITED STATES

Oh! Freedom's land! we love thee well,
The land for which our fathers died;
That sounded grim oppression's knell,
The land of every patriot's pride.

We love thy sunny, flowering plain,
Thy fertile fields and mountains high;
Thy fruitful valleys, waving grain,
Thy mighty rivers flowing by.

Oh! land so dear! the greatest one,
'Neath that high-vaulted dome of blue;
Each state a star for that bright crown,
To place upon Columbia's brow.
The mighty hosts that people thee,
Came empty-handed to thy gates;
Peace, freedom and prosperity
They found in these United States.

Brave men from many nations came
To this fair land of liberty;
Though born 'neath royal monarch's name,
They loved the flag that set them free.
They pledged allegiance to the laws
That faith (and honor) dedicates,
And pledged their lives to freedom's cause,
For love of these United States.

Some came from Scotland's heather hills,
Where bluebells wave from mountains high,
Where nature all her treasure spills,
And love laughs in each lassie's eye.
These stalwart sons of brawn and brain,
With bonnets blue and kilted plaits;
They too, have "drained each dearest vein,"
For these, their own United States.

They came from that green island fair,
Set like an emerald in the sea;
Sweet shamrocks gem the valleys where
Killarney bathes the primrose lea;
Stout hearts aflame with patriot fire,
They helped to open Freedom's gates;
Good Irish names of son and sire,
That died for these United States.

The valiant ones from sunny France,
That gave us noble Lafayette;
Spain and Italia's sons advance,
Columbia's name we'll ne'er forget.
And England's power and England's pride,
On which the sunlight ne'er abates,
All gather 'round the hearthstone wide,
And cheer for their United States.

And some came from the castled Rhine,
That rippled o'er that storied strand,
Where Kaiser-bloom and fruited vine,
Make verdant all the Fatherland;
With industry and courage rare,
And mind on which coy science waits,
These too, have given of largest share,
For love of these United States.

The haughty Hun, the reverent Pole,
And Afric's happy, sable son,
The Hebrew, mild Talmudic soul,
That war and carnage dread and shun.
All these—the bravest of each land—
They helped to make this nation great—
And fought 'neath that red, white and blue,
For love of each great splendid State.

"Oh! glorious flag! our pulses thrill,
At sight of every stripe and star;
God keep thy colors waving still,
And guard thy sons from threat'ning war!
And may that banner lead the way—
As every star it consecrates—
Lead to a radiant world-wide day
Of peace, through our United States.

—*Agnes B. Wauters*

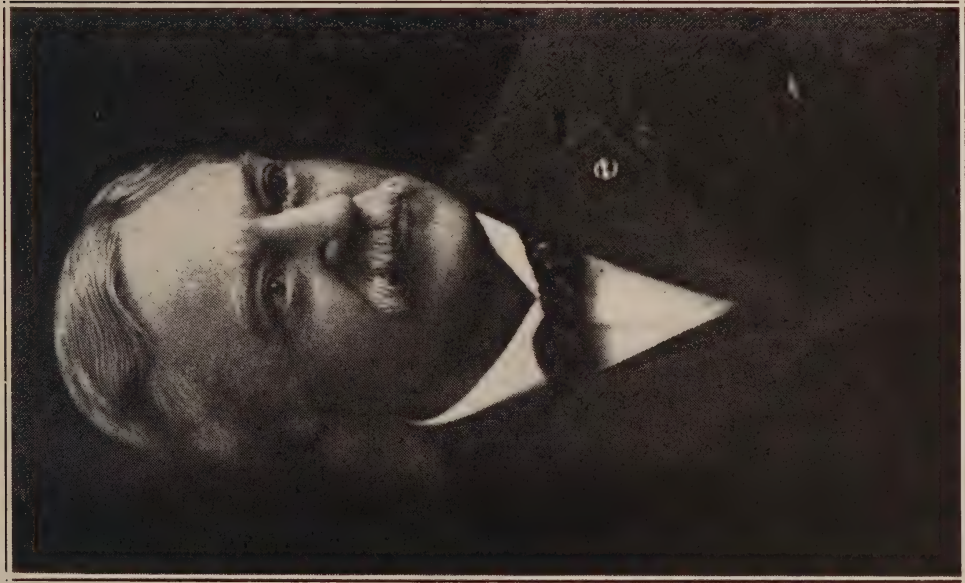
MAJOR EDWARD PAUL REICHHELM

1843 - 1919

Major Edward Paul Reichhelm, Civil War Veteran, merchant, manufacturer and one of our city's best known residents, was born on November 13, 1843 in Steigau Silesia, Germany, the son of Julius and Pauline (von der Lippe) Reichhelm, of ancestry tradition. Julius Reichhelm was a Prussian Army Officer who distinguished himself in the Napoleonic Wars. When Edward was five years old, his father came to this country and settled in the northern part of Hudson County. Julius Reichhelm established the first school of Union Hill and functioned as the first Mayor of what is now Union City. He was the founder of the Land and Building Association of Union Hill and became President of the Association. He died in his 78th year. In full possession of high ideals he thought money should be a measure of a man's usefulness to society and a just reward for honest labor. He sacrificed personal interests and he left a lofty character of honor seldom equalled.

Edward Reichhelm's first education was at the Weavertown Public School near West Hoboken. Later he attended Dr. Dulon's German-American Academy in New York City and Cooper Union Institute. He showed a leaning to mechanics at an early age and in 1859 left school and was apprenticed in the machine shop of A. & F. Brown in New York City.

When President Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for volunteers in April 1861, Reichhelm and forty others, none over 18 years of age, enlisted and joined Company K 3rd Missouri Regiment for three years. Later Reichhelm was transferred to Company E, then in active field service. In the battle of Chickasaw Bayou, he was struck by a shell but recovered to take part in the siege of Vicksburg. On July 17, 1863, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. In 1865 the siege of Vicksburg was started and young Reichhelm was promoted to Captain and was assigned to command the troops at Trinity, Louisiana. A few months later Lee surrendered at Appomatox and Reichhelm's military career ended. He took part in twenty-three battles and was wounded three times.



MAJOR EDWARD PAUL REICHHELM



MRS. EDWARD PAUL REICHHELM

When army officers are retired they are, by law, entitled to rank next above what they held in active service, therefore Captain Reichhelm assumed the title "Major" as he was called throughout his lifetime.

After giving up a soldier's life, he resumed the study of mechanical engineering. In 1870, after four years of strict attention to business and practical demonstrations of his ingenuity, he became a partner in the firm, whose employ he entered at a salary of \$10 a week.

Major Reichhelm has many inventions to his credit. He became interested in the production of fuel gas from refined petroleum and he invented a machine for this and patented it. He invented a "positive Pressure Blower" to supply the steady uniform air blast which is necessary to operate gas blast furnaces.

He invented a machine not only a benefit to the United States but to the world. It was a process to make even tempering of steel and iron. This process is used today for radios, airplanes, automobiles and in the moving picture industry. The evenness of heat prevents breakage of artificial teeth, needles, etc. In the World War there was difficulty with guns as they often became overheated and with the even heating this was overcome so that soldiers today have no trouble with guns. In former years it was costly to have steel an even heat and if a star on a silver dollar was uneven, it had to be melted again and made perfect. The procedure cost the government large sums of money. Theodore Roosevelt said to Major Reichhelm, "If ever a man saved the government money it is you."

He owned and controlled valuable patents on gas heating furnaces. He was president of the American Gas Furnace Co. of Elizabeth and president of the American Swiss File & Tool Co. with offices at 23 John Street, New York City. With his gas generating machines, Major Reichhelm fitted up some of the most extensive manufacturing plants in the United States, notably the factories of the American Waltham & Elgin Watch Companies, the Pope Manufacturing Company at Hartford, Conn., the three factories of the S. S. White Dental Company, the latter company beside paid him a handsome royalty on a process for baking artificial teeth. He also had in hand a contract for equipping the new mint in Philadelphia and all

the mints and assay offices of the United States with his gas heating and generating devises. He partly equipped the British Mint in London, England. His heating plants were used in all manufacturing centers of the world and in principal scientific institutions. His company has agencies in London, Berlin, Paris, St. Petersburg and other leading cities of Europe.

In a well known engineering school in Hudson County, Major Reichhelm discovered a mistake in teaching. After telling the heads of the school about it he was told that their method of teaching had been going on for a long time and it was too late to make the correction. The Major felt it his duty to make the correction in the school and after proving the error before Congress, all the books were burned and the Major equipped that school with his machinery as a gift, not only sacrificing his time to go to Washington, but pointing out the correct method of teaching.

It would require a large book to tell of the sacrifice and the many generous gifts he gave to assist the lives of others and he fills an important place in the world of invention in giving the government his valuable inventions to be used freely and without any restrictions.

Major Reichhelm married (first) Kate, daughter of George Henry and Charlotte (Spindler) Schaefer May 18, 1868, issue: Charlotte, (died 1886) Paul, George, Ella (wife of Henry Carl Wahls). (Second) Caroline (Helmuth) Sinclair June 25, 1893, widow of James F. Sinclair who had four children. Her daughter, Eva, was adopted by Major Reichhelm and bears the name Eva Sinclair Reichhelm and is the wife of Claude Day.

The Major was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S.; a Senior Past Commander of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 29, G.A.R. Department of N. J. and belonged to Allemania Lodge No. 132 F. & A.M.; New Jersey Historical Society; Cooper Union Alumni Association; Cosmos Club of Jersey City; Newark Bay Club; National Civil Reform Association; Chairman of Commerce of the State of New Jersey; National Association of Manufacturers and Merchants Association of New York.

He served as a splendid example of loyalty and patriotic citizenship. His late home was 90 West 34th Street. With

gratitude we acknowledge the fine art of right living and his ever unselfish service to exemplify the purpose in life's activities, and the relationships and concern to duty and love to man and God.

MRS. EDWARD PAUL REICHELHM

1833 - 1939

Mrs. Edward Paul Reichhelm, née Carolyn Hellmuth of New York City, was first married to James F. Sinclair. By this marriage four children were born, Frank, Eva (Mrs. Claude Day), Nettie (Mrs. George Bryan) and Carrie (Mrs. Alexander Robb).

Following Mr. Sinclair's death, she was married to Major Edward Paul Reichhelm. They settled in Bayonne in 1893, where Mrs. Reichhelm was active in welfare organization work. She was one of the charter members of the Athena Club, an enthusiastic personage in the Bayonne Hospital Guild. The Reichhelm household was the center of social life in the peninsula, and many important events were held at 90 West 34th Street. One notable affair which was held at the Reichhelm home was a reception tendered to Mrs. Margaret Yardly, organizer of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs, by "The Ladies' Social and Political Advancement Society" (later called "The Political Study Club"). The hostess read a paper which she prepared on "The Gold Standard," for which the club extended warm applause and admiring comments. Among those present at this reception was Mrs. Mary E. Philbrook, the first woman admitted to the Bar in New Jersey.

Mrs. Reichhelm was fond of sports and considered a capable horsewoman, as was her sister, Christine, who rode daily in Central Park.

A portrait of Christine, selected by an artist of fame as the most typical American woman, was hung in the nation's capital. An honor most women hope for but seldom attain.

Mrs. Reichhelm was much loved by the community in which she played an active part. Her charity work and generosity to mankind have lived on in her memory.

MRS. JOHN DRUCKER

Born Josephine Madeleine Buisson on December 16, 1863 in New York City, she is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignace Buisson of Paris, France.

Mrs. Drucker received her education in New York City where she attended Public School No. 8 and St. Vincent de Paul's Private School for girls.

In 1882 she was married to Mr. John Drucker, also of New York City. After residing in New York a few years, Mr. and Mrs. Drucker moved to Bayonne where they made their permanent home in the Third Ward.

In 1932 Mr. and Mrs. Drucker celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a dinner party for relatives and friends, among whom was their bridesmaid.

Mrs. Drucker has been interested in club work all her life and has taken part in many activities. She is past president of the Political Study Club of Bayonne, the second oldest club in the State of New Jersey; Bayonne Woman's Club, Daughters of Liberty, First Reformed Church, Ladies Aid and is now Second Vice President of the Ex-Presidents Club of the Ninth District of the Federation of Woman's Clubs of New Jersey.

In the days of the Young Men's Federation, of which her son was a trustee, she was active in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Federation. At that time prominent business and churchmen were considering the organization of a Y.M.C.A., and through the efforts of her son, Mr. Harry B. Drucker, who is a charter member, Mr. Jamieson of the New York 23rd Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A. was prevailed upon to preside at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Drucker. It was at this meeting that it was definitely decided that Bayonne was to have a Y.M.C.A. of which the membership of the Federation was to form the nucleus.

Mrs. Drucker is frank, genial and warm hearted and has mental qualities of a high order. She keeps keenly abreast of the times and is vitally interested in any civic, political or philanthropic matter. She has a gift for writing poetry. Many of her poems have been published in various papers and magazines.



MRS. GEORGE WASHINGTON MELLOR



MRS. JOHN DRUCKER

She loves to reminisce of the days of her girlhood in New York when the city limit was 57th Street; when shepherds led their sheep through the city streets; tribes of Indians with gayly colored shawls visiting New York; riding in the horse cars for ordinary transportation and in the horse-drawn stage-coach with liveried footman for special occasions.

Mrs. Drucker is the widow of the late John Drucker and her home is 891 Boulevard. She is the mother of Mrs. Allan Shelton Minter (Hortense), Mrs. John C. Gallagher (Florence), Madeleine J. and Harry B. Drucker; one grandson, Mr. Allan Shelton Minter, Jr. and two great grandchildren, Master Allan Shelton Minter, 3rd and Master Charles Laskey Minter of Louisiana.

At a Woman's Club meeting in Kansas City, Ruth Bryan Owen remarked that Uncle Sam needed a wife, which comment inspired the following verses:—

UNCLE SAM NEEDS A WIFE

Uncle Sam he went a strolling
Up and down in every land
Vowed no woman would ever get him
Never cared what was her game
Never thought of woman suffrage
Never thought there would be a time
When some woman would be heading
For some big political line.

They've been moving maybe slowly
But they get there just the same
And they're just as well and able
To play the same man's game
In our Congress, on our juries
Everywhere we find a She,
Who can handle any problem
Just as well as any He.

So they might as well get married
Uncle Sam does need a wife
Who can help him in the running
Of our Nation's Public Life.

—Mrs. John Drucker

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MRS. GEORGE WASHINGTON MELLOR

Mrs. George W. Mellor, née Anna Clement Jaccard, was born in Jersey City, third youngest of a large family—seven girls and three boys. A daughter of Jules Gustav Jaccard of Geneva, Switzerland and Zelia Celestine (Vignot) Jaccard of Parisian ancestry, she was reared in a French atmosphere. While several of her sisters and brothers were educated in Switzerland and in Paris, Mrs. Mellor preferred American schools.

At an early age she decided marriage was the best career for a woman and a few months following his degree from New York University, she was married to Dr. George Washington Mellor. The residence in which the family still reside at 899 Avenue C, is the ancestral Mellor home. Here Dr. Mellor has practised dentistry for many years.

Mrs. Mellor is the mother of two daughters, Dorothy Ruth (Mrs. Elmer Clarke Woodward of Westfield, N. J.) and Gladys Juliette (Mrs. Wayne Sinclair of Bayonne) and one granddaughter, Lois Jaccard Woodward of Westfield.

A gracious hostess, wife and mother, Mrs. Mellor plays an excellent game of contract and can handle a needle with utmost skill. Sewing is her hobby and she has the knack so often applied to the French woman: "Give her a piece of lace and a bit of ribbon and she will fashion something beautiful." She enjoys meeting people, her repartée is a virtue and she can find something of interest in everyone she meets whether they be of her social standing, the butcher, baker or candlestick maker. Her favorite sports are sailing and swimming.

Being an active member of the Bayonne Woman's Club for the past eighteen years, Mrs. Mellor has served as Chairman of the American Home Department; Membership Chairman; Chairman of the House and at the present time is serving as Hospitality Chairman. For many years she has been a member of Fern Chapter, Order of Eastern Star No. 188 and took an active part on various social committees.

Mrs. Mellor is a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Bayonne.



MRS. ELMER CLARKE WOODWARD



PERCY F. HARING

MRS. ELMER CLARKE WOODWARD

Dorothy Mellor Woodward, daughter of Dr. George Washington and Anna Clement (Jaccard) Mellor, the former a prominent Bayonne dentist, was born in Bayonne, New Jersey. She attended Horace Mann School, graduated from Bayonne High School; studied Domestic Science; attended New York Secretarial School and later took up interior decorating at the New York School of Interior Decoration.

She was married in Calvary Episcopal Church to Mr. Elmer Clarke Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodward of Bayonne at one of the outstanding weddings of the season. There is one daughter, Lois Jaccard Woodward, who was also born in Bayonne.

Mrs. Woodward has traveled extensively in the U.S.A. and in her own words, "prefers seeing her own country first."

People are her hobby—she can find something of interest in everyone she meets. She enjoys bridge, is artistically inclined, being a collector of rare objects and is very apt with the needle and in most of her spare time works on needlepoint and studies new enterprises.

She was one of the charter members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Calvary Church which was organized in October 1932 and served as the first Vice President of that organization and from June 1936 to 1937 served as President. From 1930-32 she held office in Fern Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in the capacity of Corresponding Secretary and also served as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Mrs. Woodward was an active member of the Bayonne Woman's Club in which she served as Corresponding Secretary from 1934 to 1936 and Vice President from 1936 to 1938 when Mr. and Mrs. Woodward and their daughter, Lois, left Bayonne and took up their residence in their newly purchased home in Westfield, New Jersey where they are now residing. Mrs. Woodward lives a busy and productive life and has joined in the affairs of Westfield, having been a Scout Leader for a year and a half and now serving as Corresponding Secretary of Roosevelt Junior High School, P.T.A. for 1940-42. She has volunteered services on work of the National Defense Program. Although not affiliated with any Chapter, she has

all the credentials for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution being able to trace her ancestors back to King Alfred the Great.

PERCY FISK HARING

Percy Fisk Haring was born in Tappan, New York on September 24, 1877, a descendant of Jan Haring, who came to America from Holland and settled in Tappan in 1650. Later, the family moved to Nyack, New York where they lived for a number of years.

Mr. Haring studied music in Nyack with Alois Allmuth, a former organist and choir director of the Royal Palace chapel in Germany. Mr. Haring began singing in the Nyack Baptist Church. Being blest with a rich bass voice, he is a familiar and frequently sought-after figure in churches in Bayonne, Manhattan and in nearby cities.

He is also gifted with a brush. He studied painting with his father, Isaac Haring, a fine artist, who, with Allan Z. Fisk, worked on the pictures adorning the capitol's rotunda in Washington, D. C. Mr. Haring enjoys painting as a hobby. All his painting is done with oils and his favorite subjects are old square riggers, although he handles landscapes and portraits with equal skill and technique. He seldom participates in exhibits but occasionally consents; his first exhibit being of a marine he had been requested to send to a fair in Buffalo, New York. As for his singing, Mr. Haring has appeared in many Gilbert and Sullivan operas in New York, Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken and other places. New York churches in which he has appeared vocally include the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Unitarian Church.

Mr. Haring came to Bayonne in 1905 and has contributed largely to the artistic life of the city and the Metropolitan district.

WILLIAM C. HAMILTON

1837 - 1911

The City Clerk of Bayonne for more than forty years, William C. Hamilton's signature appeared on thousands of



HARRY COHEN



WILLIAM C. HAMILTON

official documents. Beside drafting the City Charter, he prepared numerous laws pertaining to municipalities and institutions of Bayonne and other cities. He was custodian of records and the directing power in the municipal machinery for many years.

A native of New York State, like his ancestors of several generations, William C. Hamilton was born in Rensselaer County near Albany on March 4, 1837 the son of Dr. Alexander Hamilton, namesake and kinsman to that distinguished Continental soldier and statesman—Alexander Hamilton who was, when nineteen years old a Captain of Artillery in the Continental Army in 1776 an Aide-de-Camp from 1777 to 1781 to General Washington.

When William C. Hamilton was sixteen years old, his father died and he left school and went to work to support his mother and himself. They moved to New York City where William obtained a position in Wall Street with that famous firm of bankers, Travers & Jerome where he remained several years, as one of the firm's confidential men. He enrolled with the Seventh Regiment of New York but his term of enlistment expired before the outbreak of the Civil War and he did not do any military duty. He went to Washington, D. C. several times for the firm and finally returned to the National Capital to accept an appointment as a provost marshal in which he served in the Union Armies commanded by Generals George B. McClellan, Ambrose E. Burnside and Jacob Hooker.

Later he returned to Travers & Jerome in New York and he accumulated, within a couple of years, a fortune of more than a quarter of a million dollars, which he subsequently lost in disastrous speculations. Saving something from the wreck, he moved to Bayonne in 1866 where he resided for the remainder of his life. He identified himself with local affairs and was elected a member of the last Township Committee serving the official term 1868-9 retiring from office when Bayonne ratified the Charter for the incorporation of the city.

On January 24, 1871 he was appointed City Clerk to succeed Francis I. Smith who resigned the position to enter the contest for Councilman of the First Ward.

Mr. Hamilton was chosen the Bayonne representative in

the Hudson County Board of Freeholders and was reelected to that office four successive times—1871-2-3-4, his five years of service in that capacity surpassing the records of his predecessors.

In point of continuous service, Mr. Hamilton was, at the time of his death Friday, October 6, 1911 at the advanced age of three score and fourteen years, the oldest official of such character in any city of the United States.

He served for fifteen years as a member of the Hudson County Board for Equalization of Taxation, his knowledge of property values being very useful to his colleagues in that body as well as to city tax assessors and supervisors of taxes in Bayonne. He was an expert witness in cases of litigation in the Circuit Court and Supreme Courts of New Jersey.

He was a charter member of Bayonne Lodge No. 99 F. & A.M., Bayonne Lodge No. 434 B.P.O.E. and Bayonne Democratic Club. He was a member of the Veterans' Association of the Seventh Regiment New York National Guard and of Old Guard of New York. He was identified with the New Jersey Athletic Club of Bayonne, Bayonne Rowing and Athletic Association, Newark Bay Boat Club and was entitled, by his descent and the records of his ancestors to affiliation with most of the noted patriotic and national societies.

HARRY COHEN

In 1883 Jacob Cohen moved to the City of Bayonne with his wife, Doris, recent emigres from the old world, to live their lives and raise their family in the sleepy little town on the Kill van Kull. The young couple followed Louis Lazarus, and so were the second Jewish family in the town. At 72 Cottage Street, the first Jewish center of worship was begun; it was the home of Jacob Cohen, and fitting, in that this pioneer thenceforth devoted his entire life to the high ideals and aspirations of Judaism. And so in 1886 The Beth Abraham Synagogue was chartered; its golden anniversary, celebrated in 1936, a tribute to the untiring devotion and unceasing efforts of Jacob Cohen.

Harry Cohen, the first son of this young and devoted

couple, was one of the first of the Jewish faith to be born in the city. He was born at 72 Cottage Street. His schooling was obtained in the public schools of the town, financial straits compelling him to proceed only through the eighth grade of the old Number 2 School. In 1903 he started a small furniture business on East 21st Street. About this time, politics took his interest and he became active in local civic affairs. In 1908 he became Justice of the Peace, at that time, one of the youngest men to hold the office. His interest in the betterment of civic government continued and he fought for the things which made Bayonne a power in New Jersey affairs, even to this day.

In 1907 he married Bessie Gimple, a New York girl. His young wife, also an untiring worker in charitable organizations and religious activities, bore him five children. During the years that followed, the establishment known as Cohen's Furniture House grew and prospered. A new member entered the firm in 1917. It was Charles Cohen, the second son of Jacob and Doris Cohen. With the joint efforts of both brothers, the business continued to grow until it became far too big for its original site, and the business moved to a new location at 449 Broadway. In a few years this, too, became inadequate and finally Cohen's Furniture House became permanently situated at 400 Broadway, now one of the finest and most modern furniture stores in the State of New Jersey.

After the death of his first wife, Harry Cohen remarried. His second marriage was to Mrs. Rose Newman also of Bayonne. Today Mr. Cohen and his devoted family live at 841 Avenue C. His children have always held Bayonne first in their allegiance, although some of them have moved to various parts of the country. His sons are, Dr. Irving Cohen, Sidney Cohen, Jeel Newman and Leonard Cohen. His daughters are, Mrs. Herman Smith, Florence Cohen and Esther Cohen.

In recent years, Harry Cohen has devoted himself more and more to the affairs of Bayonne life and he has been a Trustee of the Bayonne Board of Education and Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

His organizations include the Bayonne Lodge of Elks No. 434; Knights of Pythias, Menorah Lodge F. & A.M.; Kiwanis

Club; President of the Bayonne Furniture and Floor Covering Dealers Association and President of the Men's Club of the Congregation Beth Abraham.

REV. CHARLES HENRY SPURGEON WATKINS

Rev. C. H. S. Watkins was born January 29, 1902 in Beech Island, South Carolina, five miles from Augusta, Georgia. He is the son of Rev. Samuel Henry and Irene H. (Utley) Watkins, the oldest and only boy among four children.

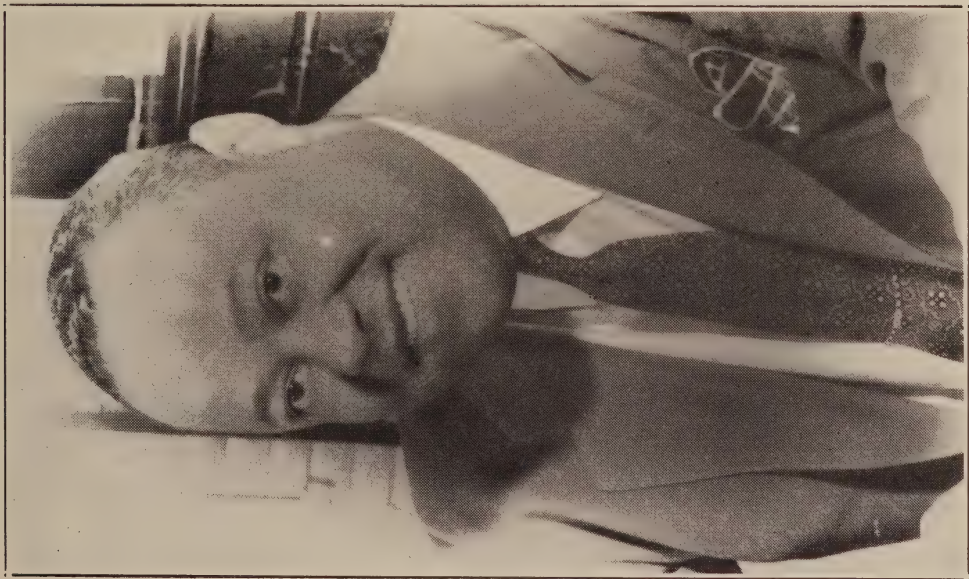
His early education was received in the rural schools taught by his mother and father for seven years. He then attended Walker Baptist Institute in Augusta, Georgia for two years; Central High School in Philadelphia for four years, 1917-1921; Virginia Theological Seminary and College for two years completing the college course there; and the School of Religion at Temple University in Philadelphia for five years, completing the full theological course.

Rev. Watkins first charge was the Second Baptist Church in Rahway, New Jersey, having been called on December 16, 1925. He accepted the Church on February 9, 1926 and remained there until August 31, 1939, a period of over thirteen years. He was then called to pastor the Friendship Baptist Church in Bayonne on June 22, 1939 which call he accepted on July 29th and began pastoring on September 1, 1939.

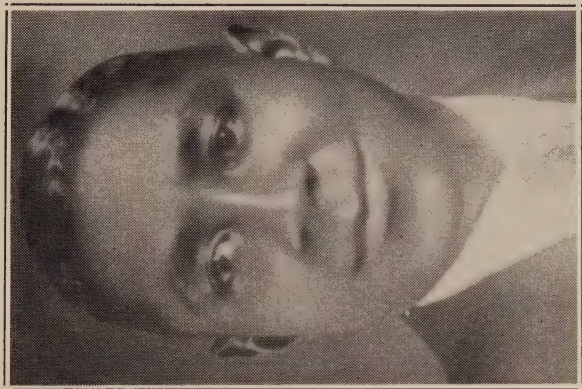
He served for a number of years as Corresponding Secretary of the Middlesex Central Baptist Association of New Jersey. In July 1936 he was elected Moderator and served for three years. Since October 1936 he has served as the Recording Secretary of the Afro-American Baptist State Convention of New Jersey and the Editor of the Afro-American Annual.

Beside all of these activities, for seventeen years, he has worked as a full time Post Office Clerk in the Philadelphia and New York Post Offices.

On January 18, 1934, Rev. Watkins married Miss Harriet Evelyn Wilcher, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Curtis T. Wilcher



DAVID GLADSTONE MORRIS, M.D.



REV. C. H. S. WATKINS

of Newark. To this union two children have been born; Mary Irene, October 29, 1934 (died 18 days later) and Charles Henry Spurgeon Watkins, Jr. on October 6, 1936.

Rev. Watkins is highly thought of by his congregation and because of his charming and jovial personality is nicknamed, "Smiling Charlie."

DAVID GLADSTONE MORRIS, M.D.

Born in 1896 the son of Rev. Nathaniel James and Phyllis Morris in Tampa, Florida, Dr. Morris was the twelfth child in the family. His mother died when he was ten years of age.

His early education was received in Jacksonville, Florida, after which he entered Lincoln University, Chester County, Penna. He received his A.B. in 1918, entered the University of Vermont in 1919 where he received his M.A. in 1921 and two years later his degree of Medicine.

For four years he served as interne in the City Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Morris settled quite accidentally in Bayonne. He tells a story that he got off the Central Railroad train at West Eighth Street intending to go to Jersey City but instead remained in Bayonne, starting his practice of Medicine September 26, 1926.

On August 12, 1926 he married Miss Gertrude Clarke of Pittsburgh, Penna. She is a graduate of Carnegie Tech. and afterward was a social worker. They have two children, a daughter, Barbara Ann aged 12 and David Clarke aged 8.

Dr. Morris is president of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People; president of Lincoln Alumni Association of North Jersey; Trustee of Lincoln University since June 1941; Omega Psi Phi; and member of Board of Managers Colored Branch Y.M.C.A. since 1940.

He took up Post Graduate work in Columbia University and Post Graduate Hospital; Flower Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Medical College and Eye and Ear Infirmary in New York City.

His residence is 11 West 26th Street, Bayonne, N. J.

PIERRE PROSPER GARVEN

Pierre Prosper Garven was born in Bayonne June 9, 1872, the son of Emma Gasque and James Garven, who settled here in 1860. He was educated in Bayonne and Roselle, N. J. and attended the New Jersey Law School.

Rising to prominence at the New Jersey Bar and in the general life of Bayonne and Hudson County, he achieved distinction both in his profession and in the sphere of public service. He was Mayor of Bayonne three times and Hudson County Prosecutor for ten years. His administration was sound financially and progressive in outlook, sponsoring several notable improvements including the establishment of the first paid fire department in Bayonne.

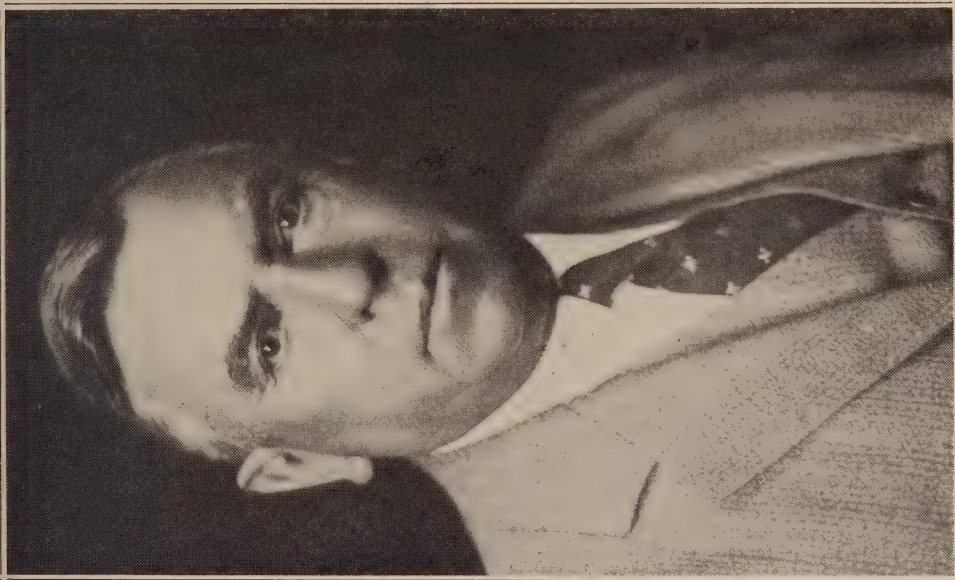
He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1898 and for seven years was a member of the Legal staff of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. For a quarter of a century he was Counsel for the Standard Oil Company of N. J. He was a member of the American Bar Association, California Bar and the Hudson County Bar Association. As a Mason he was affiliated with Bayonne Lodge No. 99 and the Scottish Rite at Jersey City, including the 32d degree of the consistory, and Salaam Temple, Newark.

In 1934 he was appointed Assistant State Attorney General and Counsel to the State Highway Commission. This was his last public office as in February 1936 he was stricken with a serious illness and resigned as a State official, withdrawing from public activities. He died March 3, 1938.

Pierre P. Garven had three children, Margaret, Elsie and Pierre P. Garven Jr.

DR. HOWARD E. MERITY

Dr. Howard E. Merity was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on July 3, 1901. He attended public school No. 17 and St. Peter's High School in Jersey City; Seton Hall College, A.B. 1926; New York University, M.A. 1932 and Ed. D. 1936. He taught in Seton Hall High School 1926-1927. From 1927 to 1936 he was a teacher and administrator in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, High School.



PIERRE P. GARVEN



DR. HOWARD E. MERITY
Superintendent of Schools

He was head of Department of Education, Member of the Administrative Board and Director of the Extension Division and Summer School, Seton Hall College, 1936-1940.

He became principal of Bayonne Senior High School in January 1940 and was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Bayonne January 1941.

MRS. LUTHER S. CADUGAN

Mrs. Harriett Budd Cadugan was born in Flanders, N. J. She came to Bayonne in 1898 where she joined in the community, living a very active and productive life, a prominent philanthropic worker and clubwoman.

She was the wife of Luther S. Cadugan and by a previous marriage had one son, William M. Budd of Flagtown, N. J. and three daughters, Miss Dora Budd a teacher in Horace Mann School, Mrs. Louise Smith of Bayonne and Mrs. O. B. Purdy of Beacon, N. Y.

Mrs. Cadugan was first President of the Bayonne Day Nursery which was founded by Director of Public Safety, Henry Wilson in October 1917. She was a loyal and faithful worker in the Nursery until her death in 1939 and she filled the office as president for twenty-two years. She served as Vice Chairman of Bayonne Chapter, American Red Cross. She was a former member of the Board of Education being one of two women to ever fill the position, the other being Mrs William M. Wauters. She was an honorary Vice President of the Hudson County Tuberculosis League and an honorary member and former President of the Women's Auxiliary Board of Bayonne Hospital. She was a charter member of the Bayonne Woman's Club and was an active worker in the Y.W.C.A. and First Reformed Church.

Mrs. Cadugan played an active part in charitable and civic enterprises for many years and she was prominent in war work in the city during the World War when there was a canteen here. She also headed both the women's division of the churches' division in the annual Red Cross roll call.

JAMES CASSIDY

Few persons know the old Bayonne of several generations ago better than James Cassidy. Years, years ago, before the trolley line was established and Bayonne had no such thing as a paved street, Mr. Cassidy or just plain "Jim" as he is known to all his friends, operated a stage coach line along the Old Plank Road. Those were the days of 1883 before Bayonne became an industrial city.

Mr. Cassidy also handled many shipping and hauling contracts including the United States Mail.

As a member of one of the oldest families in Hudson County, Mr. Cassidy in his youth was content to take care of the cows on his father's farm then located at about what is now known as Broadway and 35th Street.

Old timers will remember Jim Cassidy as one of the best athletes in the city and in the hey day of his athletic career, he captured a twenty-four hour endurance contest in Madison Square Garden receiving a prize of \$2,500.

Few men have a wider circle of friends than Mr. Cassidy who is noted for his geniality and willingness to help a friend in need.

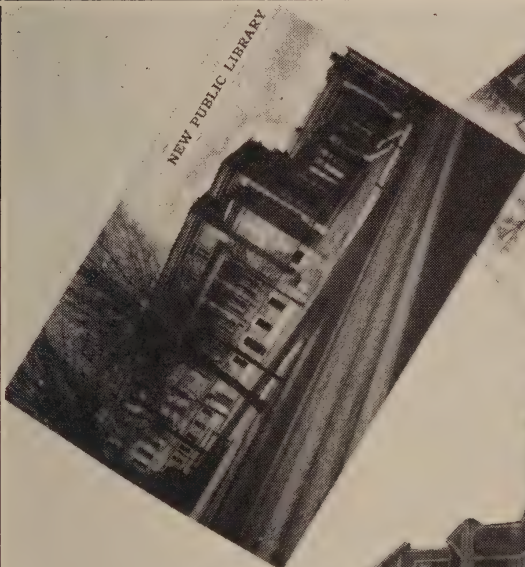
He was supervisor of the Hudson Boulevard and has seen improvements made on that highway which is now considered one of the finest in the country.

He is a member of Bayonne Lodge of Elks No. 434, Bayonne City Democratic Club, St. Henry's Holy Name Society and the Association of Exempt Firemen.

He is a widower, has two daughters and one son and lives at 24 West 37th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.



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JAMES SMITH COWARD

1847 - 1923

James Smith Coward, founder of the Coward Shoe Company famous the world over, was born on December 19, 1847 in New York City, the son of John Coward and Mary Elizabeth McCurran. His parents came from northern Ireland. When James was nine years old, his father died and from that time on, he had to shift for himself.

He first secured employment at an insignificant salary with B. McClosky, a shoe merchant at 217 Greenwich Street, New York City. He was employed there with James Sinclair. From the humble beginning as clerk in a small store he rose to proprietor of a vast business. At the age of nineteen, young Coward started a shoe retailing business on a limited capital but with a large supply of energy and hard work from which success was destined to grow. He worked tirelessly and long into the nights until gradually he acquired a reputation for honesty and integrity that brought customers to his out of the way store at 264-274 Greenwich Street, where he was established until his death in 1923.

Mr. Coward was a man of system, regular and punctual in all matters, putting his heart and soul into his business and he was conscientious and sincere in all his undertakings. He was a devout Christian and one of the founders of the John Street Methodist Church in New York City and at the time of his death, was a trustee of that institution.

On September 24, 1868, Mr. Coward married Miss Harriet Moore at Coytesville, N. J. He was just starting his career in his retail shoe establishment but he had confidence in his ability to make good and this spirit set him to make his mark in New York City. He had one son, John Moore Coward, who married Miss Minnie Van Winkle of pioneer Dutch settlers in Bayonne. John carried on the shoe business after his father's death and his grandson, Mortimer carried on the business until his death. His granddaughter, Miriam is the wife of Ernest H. Rice of New York.

James Coward's daughter, Harriet, married Alfred D. Woodruff of Bayonne and there were four daughters, Gladys (dec.) Harriet, Ruth and Mary.

After coming to Bayonne as a young man, James Coward was an active participant in the affairs of the First Methodist Church on 31st Street and Avenue C. For thirty-one years he held the position of Superintendent of the Sunday School of the local church.

Mr. Coward concentrated so deeply on his business that he had little time for outside interests but his favorite diversion was fishing. He was President of the Waywayanda Fishing Club on the island of the same name, between Fire Island and Babylon, L. I. This organization, made up of a selected few of New York leading merchants, spent Monday and Tuesday of each week during the summer months fishing from their exclusive pier.

Mr. Coward was a member of White Rose Lodge F. & A.M. of New York City and Bayonne Lodge of Elks. His home was located on Avenue C, between 32nd and 33rd Streets and a few years ago was demolished and two new houses built in place of the Coward homestead.

VERE STILES RICHARDS

Born in Cedar Springs, Michigan, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Cara (Stiles) Richards, both of whom were American born, Vere Stiles Richards is one of Bayonne's most outstanding teachers in voice culture.

He is a graduate of San Jose, California, high school, the University of California and California College of Osteopathy as Doctor of Osteopathy, (still licensed to practice in California) and he attended Denver University.

Mr. Richards studied voice culture privately with Madam Koleska in Boston, also with other prominent teachers there and with two best known teachers in San Francisco, Pasmore and Cogswell. In New York City, he studied with Maestro De Macchi and Arthur Judson Philips.

For two seasons Mr. Richards appeared as leading tenor with the Bossetti Opera Company in the West, and was well known there also in Concert. He has been featured on many programs in the larger radio stations in New York City.

His activities in the musical world are numerous. He is

a teacher of many singers well known in professional circles; soloist and Choir Director in West Side Methodist Church, Jersey City; Director of Bayonne Choral Society since its founding and head of the music department of the National Bible Institute, New York City.

VIRGINIA TYLER RICHARDS

Virginia Tyler Richards was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, of American born parents, Charles and Mary Tyler.

She graduated from public and high school in Colorado Springs, Colorado and later received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Colorado College, Colorado Springs. From the Western Institute of Music and Dramatic Art in Denver, Colorado, she received a diploma.

Mrs. Richards studied voice culture privately with Vere Richards and later in New York City with the prominent teachers, Maestro De Macchi, Arthur Judson Philips and Frank La Forge.

In Denver, Colorado, she became well known in the Concert field, singing throughout the middle west. She gave two successful New York City recitals and became a featured soloist on WJZ; WEAF; WABC and WOR. She was the soloist for the famous moving picture, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," appearing in New York City, Boston, Montreal, and throughout New York State, New Jersey and the New England States.

At the opening of the Holland Tunnel, Bayonne-Staten Island Bridge, Bayonne Nurses' Home, Bayonne Post Office and other important civic events, Mrs. Richards appeared as the soloist.

In the musical field, she is a sincere and enthusiastic worker and among her activities are: director and soloist in Westminster Presbyterian Church choir for many years and director of many choral organizations. She is also a teacher of singers prominent in New York and Bayonne musical circles.

CARL A. RUHLMANN

Carl A. Ruhlmann was born in Bayonne at 20th Street and Avenue D, now Broadway, the son of Ernest and Emilie A. Ruhlmann. The Ruhlmann family settled in Bayonne late in 1869.

He attended public school No. 2, Bayonne High School and the New York Preparatory School.

Mr. Ruhlmann has been in the Real Estate and Insurance business at 717-719 Broadway for over thirty years. Always interested in civic affairs, he sponsored much legislation in Trenton. Among the laws he caused to be enacted were the Bayonne Terminal Act, the Newark Bay Roadway and the Bayonne-Statens Island Bridge legislation.

He has always been active in politics as a Republican and he held a number of important public positions. Among them were: Tax Assessor of Bayonne, Secretary of the New Jersey Commission on Port Development, New Jersey State Civil Service Commission and Hudson County Tax Commissioner.

His fraternal organizations are: Bayonne Lodge of Elks of which he is a past Exalted Ruler, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Bayonne Lodge No. 99 Free and Accepted Masons and the Bayonne City Republican Club. His residence is 892 Boulevard, Bayonne, New Jersey.

EMMETT SMITH

The late Emmett Smith was a native of Hudson County. His early education was received at Hasbrouck Institute and while still in his 'teens entered the office of Mallory and Muller a firm of Jersey City Civil Engineers as a junior assistant surveyor and engineer. He went into business for himself while still a young man, establishing an office in the Greenville section of Jersey City in 1866. After coming to Bayonne he built the brick building which still stands on Avenue E and the corner of 30th Street across from the City Hall, the first or ground floor of which served as the offices of Smith & Weston.

Mr. Smith became City Surveyor in 1868 and thoroughly

revised the plans for laying out and mapping the prospective streets, avenues and squares of Bayonne Township. He was named City Surveyor and Engineer by the Councilmen and with the exception of several short intermissions, he held the position until his death.

He was one of the organizing directors and President of the Bayonne Trust Company, a director of the Bayonne City Hospital and Dispensary, one of the founders of the Democratic Club, a member of the Newark Bay Boat Club, the Bayonne Rowing Association, the Bergen Point and New Jersey Athletic Club and Bayonne Lodge F. & A.M. No. 99.

His last address was 124 West Fifth Street. He had one son, Floyd and two daughters—Mabel, (wife of Dr. George Sexsmith) and Anne. Both daughters have been residing in California in recent years.

STEINER & JAEGER

The firm of Steiner & Jaeger goes back in the city's history to 1867 when Emmett Smith, who became the first City Surveyor, was established in Bayonne. Mr. Smith took a partner and became the firm of Smith & Eddy.

After coming to Bayonne from Greenville, where he had an office, Mr. Smith built the brick building which still stands on Avenue E and the corner of 30th Street, across from the present City Hall. The ground floor of this building served as the offices of Smith & Weston.

Mr. Smith thoroughly revised the plans for laying out and mapping the prospective streets and avenues, after becoming City Surveyor in 1868. When Bayonne was incorporated as a city in 1869 he was hired by the city and all improvements in the city were made from his map in 1873. The Map and Grade Commission Map fixed location of streets showing 540 blocks. These are the same streets of today but in 1888 they were renamed with the exception of Broadway and a few others which came later.

Emmett Smith also laid out sewerage systems. He received a salary of \$10,000 a year for all city work, surveying streets, sewers, etc.

Steiner & Jaeger started business together in 1914, both having learned the business with Walter Lee Clarkson. Mr. Clarkson was born in Virginia in 1872 and was a wood-cutter. He came to Bayonne in 1890 and started to take up engineering with Emmett Smith and he also went to Cooper Union in New York. In 1926 Mr. Clarkson became City Engineer and he held the position until his death in May 1938.

Clarence Steiner was born in Easton, Pa. and came to Bayonne as a boy in 1890. He started to take up engineering with Emmett Smith in 1901. He is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

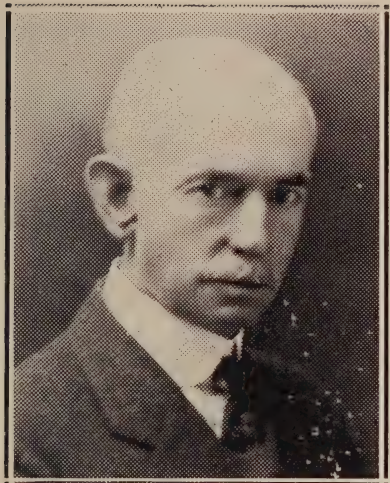
Harry A. Jaeger was born in Bayonne and his mother was also born in Bayonne. His grandfather, Bartholomew McDermott, was a Democratic leader in the Fourth Ward for many years. Mr. Jaeger's ancestors came over to America from France in 1750. They were, for the most part, professional men and soldiers and they first settled in the State of Pennsylvania. In 1906, Mr. Jaeger started to take up engineering with Walter L. Clarkson and he is the present Chief Engineer in the city, having been appointed in March 1939 for a term of three years, which is the term called for by the Bayonne charter. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The first office of Steiner & Jaeger was located on Willow Street and Broadway, where they remained for two years. They then located in the Bergoff Building, where they maintained their office from 1916 until 1930. From 1930 until the present time their office has been located at 607 Avenue C. Both Mr. Steiner and Mr. Jaeger are licensed professional engineers and surveyors of the State of New Jersey.

IRA C. B. VREELAND

1844 - 1935

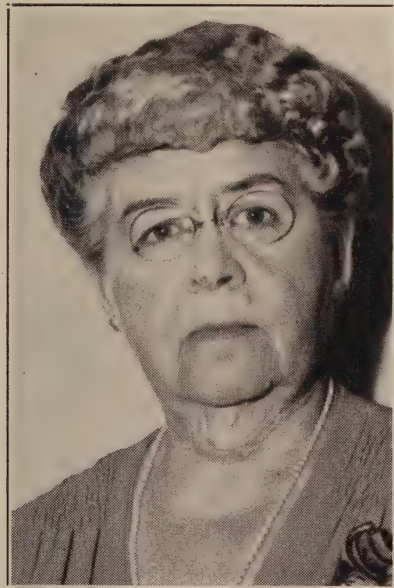
Ira Vreeland was born in Bayonne in 1844, a descendant of a pioneer family of the city. During his days here, he saw the peninsula sprout from what might be called the backwoods countryside of dirt roads and country lanes and stagecoach transportation to railways, electric lights and all other modern



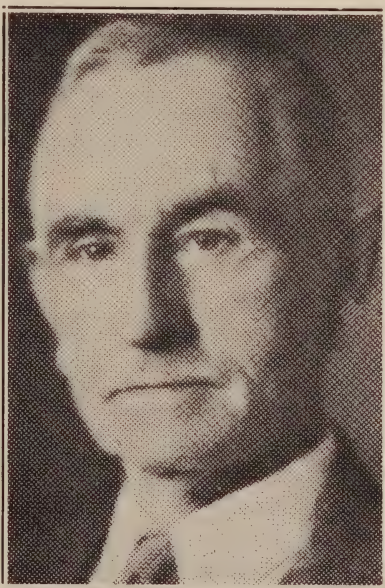
MATTHEW T. CRONIN



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PETER STILWELL

means of civilization. He descended from a family recorded in history when only a handful of families dwelled in the local woods and were forced to fight for their property and lives with raiding Indians.

The Vreeland name is one of the earliest to appear in the earliest records available concerning this area. The name continues to appear through local history from the days of Indian skirmishes, the Revolution and Civil Wars. Ira was a member of General Custer's forces and engaged in dangerous campaigns against the Indians.

The Vreelands arrived in the peninsula in the 1600's and were among the first white settlers. Vreelands were also active in religious life in the community, John Vreeland having been among the organizers of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen Neck, later the First Reformed Church.

Many Vreelands held public office in Bayonne, among them Richard Vreeland, Abraham P. Vreeland, Daniel Vreeland, Michael Vreeland, Jacob Vreeland, Hartman Vreeland and Peter Vreeland.

PETER STILLWELL

Peter Stillwell was born in Whitehouse, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. His ancestors came to this country from Surry, England, and settled in Virginia in 1634. The family migrated to New York later on and located at Gravesend, Long Island.

Mr. Stillwell's early education was received in the Township's schools in Hunterdon County and he attended a preparatory school at Somerville, New Jersey, after which he entered Rutgers College in 1882 and graduated from there with the degree of Master of Arts in 1886. He is a member of the Delta Upsilon.

He clerked in the office of Cortlandt and Wayne Parker in Newark and from there he came to Bayonne to practice law in 1889. Shortly after establishing his residence in Bayonne he took active part in the affairs of the community. In 1896 he was elected to the Board of Education and he remained on the board until 1902, one year of which he served as President. In 1903 he was elected to the General Assembly

in which position he served for three years. During 1910 he served the city for one year as Comptroller.

In 1911 Mr. Stillwell was appointed Judge of the District Court of Bayonne by Governor Woodrow Wilson and he served until 1915. He was then reappointed to the bench by Vice Chancellor Fielder in 1916 and he held the position until 1921.

It was in the old days of the Mayor and Council government that Mr. Stillwell was active in politics. Whenever a campaign was arranged, Mr. Stillwell's advice was sought and often followed and he always had suggestions to make that resulted in his party being benefited during the campaigns and on election days. He was a ready speaker and his services as a spell-binder were in great demand. He was never at a loss for issues and usually had some up his sleeve which meant vote-getting. In the days of the late Thomas Magner, Egbert Seymour and Matthew T. Cronin, leaders of the Democratic organization, Mr. Stillwell was a member of the cabinet of "Big Shots."

He took active part on the committee to put the Port Terminal over, of which Mr. Samuel Cooper was Chairman. The committee started with approximately one hundred men but gradually they dropped out, one by one, until the project finally reached success with about eighteen men who worked hard and had bitter opposition.

Of late Mr. Stillwell has not been very active in politics but has continued his deep interest in civic movements and he took a prominent part in the move to organize a Board of Trade.

He is a widower and his present home is 10 Avenue B. He is the father of William (deceased), Bernadine (Mrs. Frank Keebler) and Catherine of Bayonne and Florence (Mrs. Kenneth Morse) of Dayton, Ohio. He has four grandsons, William Stillwell, Jr. of California, Frank Keebler, Jr., Kenneth, Jr. and Peter Morse.

MATTHEW T. CRONIN

1868 - 1931

Matthew T. Cronin, for many years leader of the Democratic Party in Bayonne, was born in Oxford, New Jersey in

1868, one of a family of six children. His father was employed by the Lackawanna Coal Company.

The late Mr. Cronin received his education in the public school in Belvidere, New Jersey and later attended a seminary in the same town. After leaving school he secured a position with the West Shore Railroad Company at West Point as a telegraph operator. He was then promoted to a higher position in Grand Central Station, New York. A few years later he accepted a position with Kings County Elevated Railroad Company in Brooklyn and in a short time was given entire charge of the transportation service.

He came to Bayonne in 1899 to assist his brother, Timothy J. Cronin in business and in 1901 when his brother died, took over the business as the New Jersey Agent for a Staten Island Brewing Company.

Entering into politics in 1901 as Councilman representing the Second Ward, he was a dominant personality for many years. He was elected Mayor for a term of two years serving from 1912 until 1914. It was during Mayor Cronin's administration that Bayonne's Municipal Flag was designed and adopted. When the Commission form of Government was adopted by Bayonne in 1915, Matthew T. Cronin was among the first five Commissioners elected. In 1918 he retired to private life due to the pressure of personal business.

In 1927 the late former Mayor returned to political life as Secretary to the Hudson County Board of Health which position he held until his death in 1931. In his passing the city lost a valuable man to the community—a man of broad vision and well liked by his colleagues.

MISS MARY JANE DONOHOE

1862 - 1941

Miss Mary Jane Donohoe was born in Bayonne, the daughter of John and Bridget (Doyle) Donohoe in the Fourth Ward where she lived her entire life. She was proud of her district and her district was proud of her. The residence where she was born, 33 Dodge Street, remained her residence until her death on March 23, 1941. She spent her summers in her summer home in Asbury Park.

A star pupil of the school in the sixties and seventies of the last century, she was first appointed to its faculty as a substitute in 1878—at a salary of \$200 a year. Her popularity with fellow teachers and pupils soon became evident and her appointment to the vice principalship came in 1894. The following April she was named principal. Miss Donohoe commanded much love and respect in her native city and no one associated with the local school system received as many outward signs of it. The climax of all honors accorded her came in 1921 when School No. 4 on East Fifth Street was rebuilt and named the Mary Jane Donohoe School in honor of one whose entire life was devoted to service in that institution. She had been principal of the school since 1895 and remained in this position until her retirement in 1933.

More than four hundred students jammed the main dining room of the Industrial Y.M.C.A. in one of the largest testimonial dinners ever given an individual in this city, in 1928, when she marked her fiftieth anniversary in the school system. She continued her interest in the school after her retirement and in April 1941, the faculty asked her to inspect a portrait of herself which had recently been hung in the auditorium.

Miss Donohoe was long identified with community life. She was a parishioner and founder of St. Andrew's Church where she was known for her quiet work among the indigent of the parish. She held an active part in the Bayonne Day Nursery in which organization she held the office of Vice President for twenty-six years and at the time of her death was serving as President. She was honored with a bronze medal by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, sponsors of the project, who named her a pioneer member of their organization. She also served as President of the Bayonne Hospital Board and was a past President of the Bayonne Teachers Association and was a member of the Bayonne Woman's Club.

PERCIVAL GRAEME CRUDEN

Percival Graeme Cruden was born in Hoboken, New Jersey November 12, 1881, the son of Alexander Burgess Cruden and Anne Elizabeth (Ross) Cruden.

He attended the Bayonne Public Schools and New York Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar, November 1907. In June 1915 he was admitted to the Montana Bar.

Mr. Cruden formed a partnership in 1908 with the late James Benny who had been admitted to the bar in 1879, and under whom he had served his clerkship. The partnership continued until the death of James Benny in 1937 and Mr. Cruden has continued to practice under the firm name of Benny and Cruden since that time.

He is director and president of the Bayonne Y.M.C.A.; trustee of the Masonic Temple Association; President of local and lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club; deacon of the Reformed Church; director of the Hudson County National Bank; director and counsel of Bayonne Building Association No. 2; vice president and trustee of Echo Lake Country Club.

Mr. Cruden is a member of the Bayonne Bar Association; Hudson County Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association; American Bar Association and Free and Accepted Masons.

On September 5, 1911 Mr. Cruden married Miss Stephanie Worth and there are two sons; George Burgess Cruden born in 1916 and Donald Graeme Cruden born in 1917. Their present home is 306 West Dudley Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey and Mr. Cruden's business address is 493 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey.

EDWARD M. GRIFFIN

Edward M. Griffin was born in Jersey City in 1857. In his early days he was a nifty dancer and appeared with the famous Frank McNish and also Slavin and Johnson.

He came to Bayonne about 1890 and became the first detective of police in the city in 1893. He married Miss Phebe Ralston, a native of Bayonne in what was then known as "Saltersville." She has the distinction today of being the oldest surviving member of Calvary Episcopal Church. He has one son and two granddaughters.

Through the years he spent in the city's police department, he worked himself up to captain from which rank he retired in 1923. The former Captain Griffin, after retiring from the force, just could not help dropping into headquarters and discussing police business with Chief C. J. O'Neill and Lieutenant John J. Rigney and others. He has a barrel of reminiscences regarding interesting incidents which occurred while he was connected with the department and his memory goes back to the first day he performed duty in 1893. He put into operation, the fingerprint system, now known as the Bureau of Identification. He worked for the Government in the Black Tom explosion during the World War and acted as bodyguard for President Wilson when Wilson went out of office and President Taft went into office in Washington, D. C.

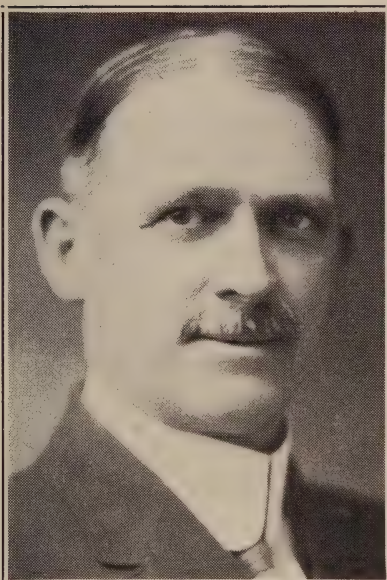
The ex-captain is the only surviving charter member of the Association of Exempt Firemen having served with Protection Engine Company back in the volunteer days.

He was one of the early exalted rulers of the Bayonne Lodge of Elks No. 434 of which he served for two terms. He was always an enthusiastic worker for the lodge believing that the best fun in an organization is working for it.

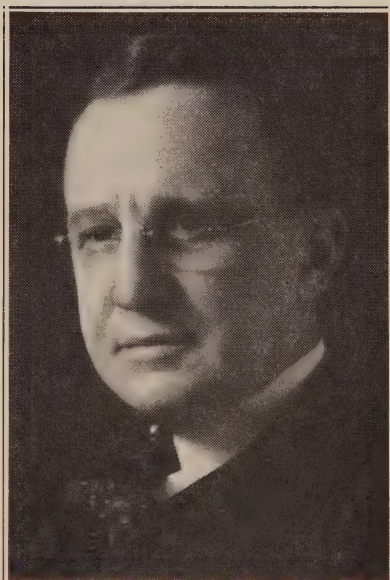
His son, Edward, Jr. is one of the outstanding counsellors-at-law in Bayonne. He was 1st and 2nd Commander of American Legion serving two terms; a Lieutenant in the Navy in the World War; Counsel for Hudson County Board of Health for nine years; Vice President of New Jersey Elks Association and Past Exalted Ruler of Bayonne Lodge of Elks No. 434. He is, at the present time, Lieutenant Commander of the Naval Reserve and instructor of observation school in Bayonne Army of Aircraft.

MRS. CLAUDE DAY

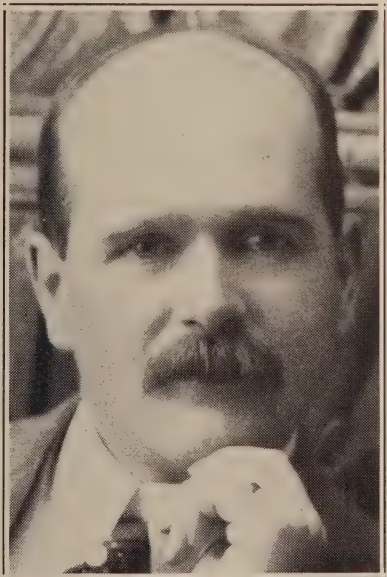
Eva Sinclair Reichhelm Day was born in New York City, the daughter of James F. and Carolyn (Hellmuth) Sinclair, on Pearl Street where George Washington made his official residence. She was educated in private schools. After her father's death and her mother's marriage to Major Edward Paul Reichhelm, Eva was legally adopted by him and assumed



EDWARD M. GRIFFIN



PERCIVAL GRAEME CRUDEN



JOHN LYON COLLINS



MRS. RICHARD F.
HAWXHURST

the name of "Reichhelm." Her family were very active in Bayonne for many years, both socially and in a creative way. In 1922 she was married to Mr. Claude Day of Closter, New Jersey, formerly of Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Day's untiring work in the city has covered many phases. She played a large part in the Woman's Suffrage Movement. When Bayonne celebrated its 275th Anniversary, she was Chairman of the Woman's Committee. The ceremonies of this affair were under the general supervision of Mayor Pierre P. Garven, assisted by the City Commissioners. The Suffragists made a great showing in the parade and "Votes for Women" banners were conspicuous.

One of the outstanding members of the Political Study Club, she has served as president many times. In 1917, 1918 and 1919 she was Captain of the Liberty Loan Team from which she received diplomas. She is a member of the Municipal Christmas Tree and Mrs. Santa Claus Association; a charter member of the Safe and Sane Fourth Committee; Ex-Treasurer of the Bayonne Woman's Club, devotedly interested in the National Flower Committee, General Federation of Woman's Clubs; a teacher in the First Reformed Church; a skilled needle painter; a volunteer settlement worker in the City Park and Killeen Park, she taught needlework and physical culture to children. During the administration of the late Woodrow Wilson, a centerpiece embroidered in mountain laurel by Mrs. Day was presented to Mrs. Wilson. She also designed several pieces that brought hundreds of dollars for Bayonne charities.

Mrs. Day took part in the planting of thirteen laurel shrubs on Lincoln Highway in Trenton with the President and officers of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs under the auspices of the Conservation Department. During the World War she was engaged in war camp activities, entertaining soldiers and sailors and received the Helmet for honorary service. She planted a laurel shrub in the hope of victory for the A.E.F. She aided the Red Cross and was a distributor of Herbert Hoover Food Pledges.

She helped to secure better trolley service, shed benches and waiting room at trolley exchange. She agitated for street signs and won.

With only two weeks rehearsals, Mrs. Day gave the play, "Fi Fi of the Toy Shop" at the Lyceum Theatre, an outstanding success.

She advocated the laurel bill—the National Flower and took part in the Pension and Prison Reform.

The first block dance given in Bayonne was directed by Mrs. Day on West 35th Street from which a large sum was realized.

In conjunction with Mr. Finn of the Rogers Producing Company, Mrs. Day produced a successful play entitled, "Katcha Koo" at Bayonne High School. The receipts were turned over for local civic interests.

Mrs. Day has always been a lifter, never a leaner, working quietly, unobtrusively, doing her bit for the good of others, for the city, state and nation. In 1941 she received a bronze medal from the State Federation of Woman's Clubs as the most active pioneer woman in the Political Study Club of which she is now president.

MISS ALIDA LANSING CONOVER

Miss Alida Lansing Conover was born in New York City, November 27, 1872, the daughter of Edwin Degraw and Emma McCullough Conover. In the spring of 1879 the family moved to the Bergen Point section of Bayonne. Miss Conover is a descendant of old Hudson River and Monmouth County, New Jersey settlers and can trace her ancestry back to the days of the Dutch patrons in the seventeenth century. Her great great great grandfather held that office in Lansingburg, now part of Troy, New York, prior to the English invasion of the Hudson River Valley and New England.

In 1891 she was appointed to the faculty of School No. 2. Due to illness she resigned, for in those days there was no such thing as leave of absence. In 1894 she was reappointed and assigned to School No. 6, now the Horace Mann School, where she taught the elementary grades for approximately thirty-nine years. In 1931 she was designated as librarian of the school which position she held until she retired in June 1941.

Despite nearly fifty years of coaching to the whims and fancies of youngsters, Miss Conover maintains a vibrant sense of humor and a gracious mien.

During the opera season, Miss Conover is a faithful contributor, attending the Metropolitan concerts in New York City. This is her chief hobby.

Her apartment at 840 Boulevard, Bayonne is a replica of a museum personified. Historians of Hudson River lore would find her paintings and Americana antiques intensely interesting. One of her most prized possessions is a rare copy of a piece of sheet music entitled, "The Alida Waltz," written by Johann Munck in 1847 and dedicated to her grandmother, Mrs. Alida Lansing McCullough, whose husband operated the paddle-wheelers "Alida" and "Francis Skiddy" on the Hudson in the middle of the 1800's. Her grandfather sailed a sloop from Lansingburg to New York before the days of the steamboats, a trip requiring three weeks. Oil paintings of the grandparents, painted about 1840 adorn Miss Conover's walls occupying almost an entire wall. Of most recent vintage is a photograph of Lord and Lady Mowbray of Allerton Park, Yorkshire, England, taken at the time of the coronation of King George VI. Lady Mowbray is Miss Conover's cousin. Surrounded by priceless family heirlooms, bronze statuary and antique furniture, some dating back more than a century, Miss Conover contemplates a life of retirement doing the things she has always wanted to do, and plans to devote more time to traveling.

JOHN LYON COLLINS

John Lyon Collins was born in Jersey City, November 3, 1868, the son of James T. B. and Emma L. Collins. He came to Bayonne in 1869.

He was educated in the private schools of Mrs. Gimbrede, Miss Calder and Miss Clough then public school No. 2 graduating from the "academic department" (forerunner of the high school) in June 1884.

In August 1884 he entered business with the dry goods importing firm of Shaen & Christie (Alexander Christie, then

one of Bayonne's leading citizens) later was employed with Walter Man (formerly of Bayonne) a lumber broker.

Mr. Collins began an insurance career August 17, 1885 as office boy for the Queen Insurance Company, retiring from an executive position with that Company July 1, 1937. At the present time, he is transacting an insurance brokerage business at 150 William Street, New York and 36 West 36th Street, Bayonne, N. J.

The clubs he has been affiliated with are: the Alpha Literary Society; The Bayonne Canoe Club; Bayonne Athletic Club; Bayonne Rowing Association and Newark Bay Boat Club. He is a member of the First Reformed Church; The Central Young Men's Christian Association; The Mutual Culture Club (Past President); and the Bayonne Historical Society of which he has been president since its organization.

RABBI AARON R. CHARNEY

Rabbi Aaron Reuben Charney, Rabbi of the Beth Abraham Synagogue on West 21st Street since March 1924, serves also as Chaplain of the police and fire departments, a post he has held since 1926.

He was born in Russo-Poland in 1889 and received his theological training in the leading Yeshivoh or rabbinical colleges of Europe, particularly in such institutions as the Seminaries of Slobodka, Wolosin and Brainsk.

Shortly after being ordained, Rabbi Charney went to England where he served as rabbi for congregations in both London and Birmingham. In 1921 he came to the United States. His first position here was at the head of a congregation in Revere, Mass. from which he came to Bayonne. He is an orator of the first rank, being recognized among the best speakers in his profession.

Rabbi Charney is a writer of note, having contributed to several Jewish magazines and papers and has written three books of popular sermons. "Lectures from Life" (1934) is not like the usual sermon but more like heart to heart talks between author and reader, and "Meditations of An Elder" (1936) are written in Yiddish; they discuss religious, moral and



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social problems using allegories and illustrations derived from everyday life. The second book deals with worldly subjects of the present day, for example, one chapter is devoted to charity and is entitled: "What Am I Told by the Telephone," and he uses the telephone as a symbol of charity. Another chapter is devoted to "Red—Stop: Green—Go." The symbol of this chapter is the traffic light system and discusses the laws and regulations of the traffic light system and uses them as a parallel to the religious prohibitions. The last book (1939) the rabbi has published was written in Hebrew. It is entitled, "Rosuf Ahava" and was published through the efforts of friends and officers of the congregation. It deals with essays on family life according to Mosaic Law and has been highly recommended by Rabbinical Press. Peter Wernick, chief editor of the most widely circulated Jewish newspaper, *The Jewish Morning Journal* said the following in his book review: "The Book of Sermons, and Popular Addresses from Life and Nature written by Rabbi Charney of Bayonne is one of the finest books of sermons ever written. The combination of thought, interpretations, of the Bible and the Talmud and the fine style of language completes the excellence of the book. It is obvious that he is both a great scholar and a capable writer."

Rabbi Charney has also devoted much energy to the Beth Abraham Free School, a school maintained by the congregation for teaching Jewish boys and girls the Hebrew language and culture. He takes an active part in Jewish affairs and has endeared himself to all by his untiring work among his people.

He is a member of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, Mierachi, an Orthodox Zionist organization and the Order of the Sons of Zion.

SOL KOHN

When Sol Kohn, founder and president of *Bayonne Facts*, the most successful weekly in Bayonne's history, entered the newspaper field in 1934, he was continuing a family tradition of serving the public.

Born in Bayonne, the son of Mrs. Molly Kohn and the late Mr. Samuel Kohn, who founded Bayonne's first nickel-

ette in 1907 at Avenue C between 22nd and 23rd Streets, the local publisher found himself mingling with the public at an age associated only with the kindergarten. While attending the local schools, he saw his parents' house renamed the "Majestic," with a personnel that included such prominent local figures as, Amos Harker, William Longstreet, Jack Feinberg, Dr. Charles Chayes, Frank Silverstadt who later wrote, "Yes, We Have No Bananas," Mrs. Jennie Jefferts, Jack Halpern and Neil Farley.

Today, through the medium of his paper, Mr. Kohn is serving the same public that his parents so successfully entertained in the past.

SAMUEL PENCHANSKY, M.D.

Dr. Samuel Penchansky was born in New York City the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Penchansky. He came to Bayonne at an early age and attended Phillip G. Vroom School. He graduated from Bayonne High School after which he entered New York University where he took a pre-medical course for three years. He then entered the University of California where he attended medical school for four years. He received his A.B. in 1930 and his medical degree in 1934. He interned at Bayonne Hospital.

In 1937 he married Miss Sophie Sugarman of Bayonne and the couple make their home at 719 Avenue C.

Dr. Penchansky is a member of the Bayonne Medical Society.

JACOB J. GAINS

Jacob J. Gains was born in Swir, Russia in 1905 where he received his early education. In 1924 he left his homeland for Cuba where he enrolled at the Academic Nacional, Havana, Cuba. Lacking the pleasantries of adequate finances, he tasted fully of the hardships of struggling artists when he was compelled to top a long period at the school with evening sessions at a commercial art studio.

In his fifth and final year at the Academy, Mr. Gains was notified the school authorities ranked his promise so high as to secure for him a scholarship to study at the New York School of Fine and Applied Art.

In 1929 he entered the National Academy of Design. Here, he traveled from obscurity to many awards of honorable mention and high commendation at his graduation.

A biographical note of Mr. Gains appears in the volume of "Who's Who in American Art."

An etching of the main building of Washington and Jefferson College, which impressed him while traveling through Pennsylvania, has created much attention at the college and the "Alumni Bulletin" reproduced it for publication and later placed the etching on sale. Robert Fulton, president of the Aluminum Company of America and graduate of the college, purchased a copy and sent Mr. Gains a letter, praising him highly for his work.

In 1935, at the National Academy of Design art exhibit, a still life by Mr. Gains was awarded the Suydam Silver Medal.

Jacob Gains does not ally himself with any particular school of art and in his own words, says: "I do not believe that any distinction should be made between academic and modern art. Art should be judged only on its merits and not on its conformity to either of the categories. The sad feature about modern art is that many artists take advantage of the wide field covered by the term 'modern' and offer hurried, ill-composed words as modern pictures."

In November, 1940, Mr. Gains exhibited a large still life painting at the Montclair Museum of Art, for which he was awarded The American Artists' Professional League medal. This same painting attracted much acclaim when it was exhibited at the American Fine Arts Gallery in New York.

Mr. Gains maintains his studio at his residence, 880 Boulevard, where he lives with his wife, the former Mary Rosenblum, a school teacher in Bayonne. He is conducting art classes at his studio and is planning to develop the classes into an art school. At the present time, Mr. Gains is working on an etching of St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church, which, in

his opinion, is one of the most important etchings he ever made.

WILLIAM P. LEE

1867 - 1937

William P. Lee was born in Bayonne on Cottage Street, February 24, 1867. He was reared in Bayonne and educated in St. Mary's Parochial School and at Public School No. 4 finishing the common school course at the age of thirteen years. His first business connection was with the Great American Tea Company, at the corner of Vesey and Church Streets, New York City, and later he was engaged in the grocery business in Bayonne for fifteen years.

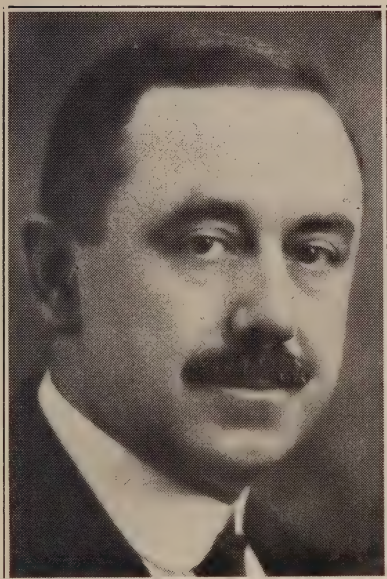
In June 1895, Mr. Lee was appointed Assistant City Clerk of Bayonne under William C. Hamilton. He served in this capacity for eleven years. Mr. Lee was elected and appointed City Clerk on October 10, 1911, and served until 1919, then was reappointed in August 1921 and served in that capacity until his death in 1937.

Always a prominent and active Democrat, Mr. Lee was a leading figure in many interests of the city. He was a member of the Star of the Sea Council, Knights of Columbus, and of Bayonne Lodge No. 434, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 9 of Bayonne. He and his family were members of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church.

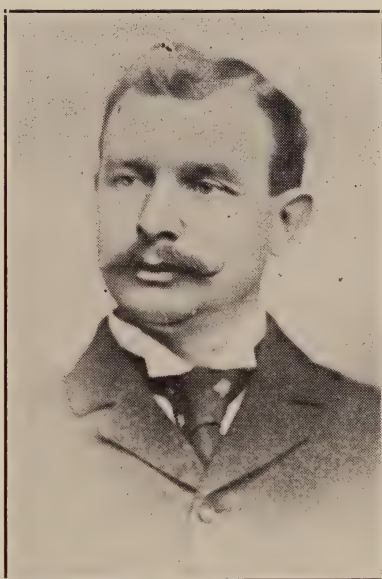
On June 2, 1902, Mr. Lee married in Bayonne, the Rev. Thomas M. O'Keefe of St. Benedict's Church in New York City performing the ceremony, Elizabeth Convey who was born in Balina, County Mayo, Connaught, Ireland, a daughter of the late Patrick and Bridget Convey. The Lees had ten children. John, the second oldest, born December 4, 1904 succeeded his father as City Clerk upon his father's death and at the time was the youngest man ever to fill that office, being only thirty-two years of age.

LUCIUS F. DONOHUE, M.D.

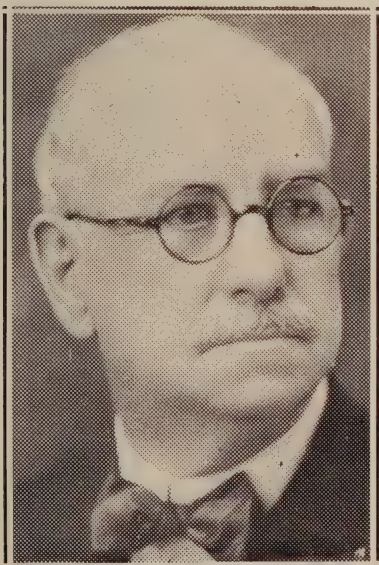
Dr. Lucius F. Donohue, one of the leading medical men in New Jersey, was born in Bayonne, graduated from the local



JAMES H. MURPHY



JOHN HERMAN MAHNKEN



WILLIAM P. LEE



LUCIUS F. DONOHOE, M.D.

schools. He attended St. Francis Xavier College and obtained his medical degree from the New York University Medical College in 1889. As a youth he was forced to go to work to help support his family and he spent several years in the oil plants at Constable Hook at the same time educating himself for his future career. He never lost contact with the friends he made while he was thus humbly employed, and he retains those friendships today while he is the city's most eminent physician and leading citizen.

He began to practice medicine in Bayonne in 1891 and he was successful from the start. Always interested in public affairs, he soon made his influence felt among the men who were in charge of the government and was always given a prominent place in the councils of the Democratic Party. He never courted public office, but was induced to accept a place on the School Board and served as President of that Board. He is a member of the Hudson County Park Board and in May 1927 became a member of the Bayonne City Commission. Dr. Donohoe was elected Mayor of the City May 19, 1931 and served for two terms, his time ending May 16, 1939. He has been a dynamic personality in the city for many years and is responsible for many fine achievements in Bayonne. On October 28, 1936, the fiftieth birthday of the giving of the Statue of Liberty to America by France, Dr. Donohoe took



part in the ceremonies with President Roosevelt. Dr. Donohoe, who was at the time Mayor of Bayonne, exchanged greetings with Mayor Simonet of Bayonne, France by radio hookups and both American and French National Anthems were played.

At the outbreak of the World War, Dr. Donohoe applied for and received a commission as a captain in a medical corp. He served throughout the war at the front and was commended for meritorious service. He was decorated by France, receiving the Certificate of the Order of University Palms, Grade Officer of the Academy. He was discharged from active service on July 5, 1919 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. On his return home he was welcomed by 10,000 citizens who were very proud of him.

Dr. Donohoe is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Fellow of the American Hospital Association, a former President of the New Jersey State Medical Society, former President of the Hudson County Medical Society and President of the Medical Staff of Bayonne Hospital. It was mainly through Dr. Donohoe's efforts that the present Bayonne Hospital was made possible and he is the most generous contributor toward its building fund.

JOHN HERMAN MAHNKEN

1857 - 1921

John Herman Mahnken was born May 2, 1857 in Elizabeth, New Jersey where he received his early education. He came to Bayonne as a young man and was a butcher on Cottage Street from the 80's until 1907 at which time he retired from the business.

He entered the realty business before being a director in the Bayonne Trust Company of which he was later President until the day of his death. He was a member of the Bayonne Building & Loan Association of which he was head, and was one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mahnken is referred to as one of Bayonne's greatest men, was of sterling character and a man who stood for the good of the community of which he was a part. He was a most distinguished citizen and a man highly esteemed by all who knew him. He worked in various war funds, Liberty Loan Drives and Red Cross. He did many kind deeds. There was a great deal of "go" in him and he could not say "no."

He had big vision and a big heart, was wonderfully endowed with temperament and power of leadership with judgment and love for man. He faced the hardest tasks and did not seek the line of the least resistance. "To seek to do the big thing and make our lives count most" was his aim.

When the cornerstone of the Y.W.C.A. was laid at 44 West 32nd Street, by Miss Alice Mahnken and her sister, the new building was dedicated March 16, 1926 with five hundred guests present and at the same time a tablet was unveiled above the brick fireplace in the Mahnken Room in the memory of John Herman Mahnken.

No greater tribute was ever paid a man in public or in civic life than the Rotary Club paid to John Herman Mahnken, who was their first president, at the first meeting after his death in 1921.

He also belonged to the Bayonne Lodge of Elks; Exempt Firemen, having served with the Volunteer Department; the Neighborhood Club and was a Director in the Bayonne Hospital.

He was an enthusiastic and untiring worker in the Fifth Street Reformed Church from which church he was buried with honors from people who loved him in all walks of life.

JAMES H. MURPHY

James H. Murphy was born October 26, 1874 in the Constable Hook section of Bayonne, New Jersey, the son of James and Ellen Murphy who came to this country from County Longford, Ireland.

He attended School No. 5, Cooper Union, Pratt Chemical Evening School, Fordham Commercial Law and Accountancy Schools.

Mr. Murphy has to his credit fifty-three years of continuous service in the same chemical concern in which he started as an office boy in the Bayonne plant and subsequently transferred to the main office in New York City.

On October 26, 1898, he married Miss Margaret A. McGarrell and there are four children, three living and one dead.

He has lead a very active life in the city of Bayonne and among his affiliations are: a member of St. Andrew's Holy Name Society in which he served as president; Star of the Sea Council No. 371, Knights of Columbus in which he held office as Grand Knight and Financial Secretary; Board of Directors of Bayonne Hospital and Dispensary, Board of Education—first on the elective Board from the Fifth Ward and second appointed by the late Mayor Garven and in May of 1939 appointed by former Mayor Lucius F. Donohoe; and he is a past president of the Association of Exempt Firemen, having served in the old volunteer days as 1st Assistant Chief from Washington Engine Co. No. 6.

His favorite sport is baseball and his residence is 59 West Fifth Street, Bayonne, N. J.

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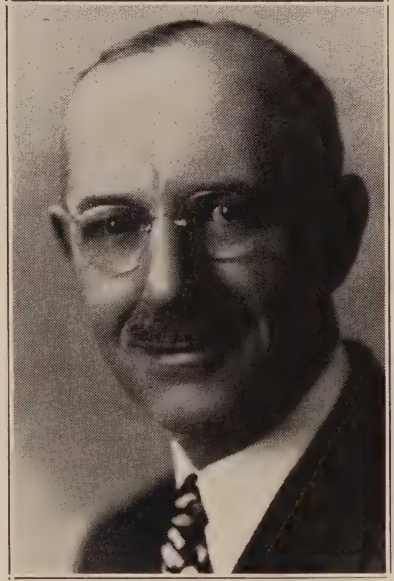
Horace Roberson, the son of Samuel Roberson and Sarah Ann King Roberson, was born on a farm one mile north of Baptisttown, New Jersey, on May 5, 1859. His parents were of English-Quaker ancestry, whose parents came to the Delaware River Valley from Leicestershire, England, with the followers of William Penn, soon after he had come and established his colony near Philadelphia. Some parental ancestors had settled in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

The King family owned vast tracts of land, largely woodland, and Kingwood Township is named for the King family.

Horace Roberson was educated in the local public schools and began teaching there when he was young. In September, 1878 he entered the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton and was graduated therefrom in June 1881. In September 1881 he became principal of the public school at Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey. While there, he became the friend of the Reverend Peter V. Van Buskirk, pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church, who was an older brother of the late DeWitt Van Buskirk. After a year there, he was induced to begin the study of law, first with the late Cornelius B. Harvey who had law offices in Jersey City, but who resided at Closter; later his clerkship was transferred to the office of DeWitt Van Buskirk in what was then known as Bergen Point.



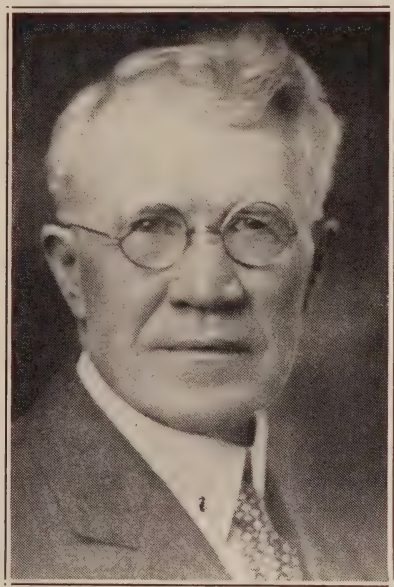
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In October 1886 he resigned his position as principal of the Closter Public School and entered Columbia College Law School and also was engaged as one of the teachers in the Evening School in Old public school No. 225, in New York City. In March 1887 he transferred his residence to the City of Bayonne and in June of that year was admitted to practice law as an attorney at law in the State of New Jersey, and he continued with DeWitt Van Buskirk as a clerk until June 1889 when he established his own office in Bayonne.

In 1890 he was married to Nettie M. Demarest of Closter. Later, after his wife's brother, the late Elmer W. Demarest was admitted to the bar, a partnership was formed known as Roberson & Demarest. In 1914 this partnership was dissolved and he practiced law in New Jersey with his office in the City of Bayonne until after Horace K. Roberson, now one of the City Commissioners, was admitted to the Bar and then the partnership was formed of Roberson & Roberson, as it now exists.

In 1889 he was admitted as a member of the School Board to fill a vacancy for one year. In 1894 he was elected City Treasurer. Later he was a member of the Common Council for one year. In 1901 he was appointed by the late Foster M. Voorhees, Governor of the State of New Jersey, as District Court Judge for the City of Bayonne and held that office for five years. In 1915 he was one of the leaders in the movement to have a commission form of government established in the City and in April of that year he was elected as one of the Commissioners, which office he held for four years.

He has been active in many things in Bayonne. He was the organizer of the Centerville Building and Loan Association, and has been its solicitor and attorney, together with his partner, from the time of its organization in 1889 until the present time. As a Special Master in Chancery he heard many divorce suits. He drew the will of the late Isaac Gluckman which was fought very vigorously by the disappointed relatives until it was finally established by a decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals in June 1917.

He is at present, and has been for about twenty years, Chairman of the Bayonne Chapter of the American Red Cross. He has been connected with the New Jersey Baptist Conven-

tion and is now a life member of its Board of Managers. He has held this position for about twenty years, and for about fifteen years has been Chairman of the Board of Corporators of Peddie School, located at Hightstown, New Jersey.

His wife, Nettie M. Demarest, died November 28, 1922. Three children had been born of the marriage—Elinor Wilson Roberson, Jessie King Roberson and Florence Adele Roberson. Florence A. Roberson died June 17, 1917 at the age of thirteen years. Elinor Wilson Roberson died July 9, 1924. Jessie K. Roberson is unmarried and is now taking a Post Graduate course at Columbia College with the object of obtaining a Master of Arts degree in Institutional Management.

On May 27, 1933 he was married to Mrs. Carolyn A. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Roberson and Jessie K. Roberson at present reside at 97 West Eighth Street, Bayonne.

CHARLES SUMNER HAVENS, B.A.

Born in Laurelton, New Jersey, February 6, 1865, the son of Senator Abram C. B. Havens, Professor Havens is one of seven children—six boys and one girl all of whom are living, happy and prosperous. His grandfather, Abraham O. S. Havens, was the first representative of Ocean County in the State Legislature and his uncle, John G. W. Havens, was also a State Senator.

The first Welsh ancestor to come to America was William Havens who settled in Rhode Island about 1630. William was associated with Roger Williams, the English clergyman who founded Rhode Island, and since that time the family have been of the Baptist faith.

Charles Havens attended the local school in Laurelton after which he graduated with honors from Peddie Institute in Hightstown, New Jersey in 1890. He majored in Latin and won a prize. He then went to Princeton University until 1894 when he graduated. (*magna cum laude*). He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

From Princeton he went to Pennington Seminary, Pennington, New Jersey. Here he taught Latin and German for three years. He then went to Cornwall-on-the-Hudson where

he was Head Master of the New York Military Academy until 1908. It was while he held this position that he married Miss Anna Walters Clock of Islip, Long Island. A daughter, Lucretia was born in 1904.

In 1908 he came to Bayonne where he taught Latin in the High School when it was located on West 8th Street. He became Vice Principal of the High School in 1910 and in 1917 took over the Principalship of the Henry E. Harris Junior High from which he retired in 1936, beloved of all his students.

In 1909 Professor Havens organized the first school orchestra in the city with four members: Gardner Spring, adopted son of the late James Benny, violin; Pierce Marion, mandolin; Charles S. Havens, violin, and the late Miss Josephine Duke who had just been appointed as the music director of the city, piano. From this modest beginning the Bayonne school orchestra system has grown.

Professor Havens was one of the staunch supporters of Nunzio Pintauro in organizing a Symphony Orchestra for Bayonne which has been successful far beyond the average amateur orchestra. He was one of the charter members of the orchestra and is an enthusiastic musician himself.

His interest in the 'cello began in the days of the World War. He became so interested in the instrument that he abandoned the violin. He studied under Mr. Pintauro for several years. Mr. Pintauro was a pupil of Mr. William Ebann, one of the most prominent 'cello instructors in New York City.

The special hobby of Professor Havens is 'cellos. Among his collection is a Santo Serafino made in Venice in 1746. Henry Ford has its duplicate in Dearborn, Michigan. Another is a Joseph Gagliano 1795, also a very old instrument in Maggini model believed to have been made by Barak Norman, famous early English maker, who died in 1740. Professor Havens has several other fine old instruments.

His other hobbies are writing music, collecting antique furniture and books. He has a fine library of Latin and Greek books. He has collected books in many other languages. He can read four languages: Latin, Greek, French and German.

He is a member and Past Master of Bayonne Lodge No. 99 F. & A.M.; Past Grand Pursuivant of Grand Lodge and

has held other offices of the Grand Lodge; Past President of the Mutual Culture Club; member of Teachers Association.

An interesting note: In March 1941 the six Havens brothers and their wives met in Princeton, New Jersey to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of their father, who died in 1928 aged nearly ninety.

ARTHUR L. HAHN

Arthur L. Hahn, a descendant of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born in New York City and educated in New York City schools, New York Business College, New York Prep School, Chicago College and many short term courses. He had five years business experience prior to Y.M.C.A. Secretaryship.

The Y.M.C.A. Secretary

He became General Secretary, of the Bayonne United Industries Y.M.C.A. in 1922. He is Past President, New Jersey Employed Officers Association; Past Chairman, New Jersey Personnel Committee; Member of New Jersey State Committee of the Y.M.C.A.; Past Member Administrative Committee of the Y.M.C.A. of New Jersey; Past Member, National Council of the Y.M.C.A. (Representing his district.) He has been a Y.M.C.A. Secretary since November 1, 1904, serving in New York City; Taunton, Mass.; Elyria, Ohio; Rome, New York; Schenectady, New York and Bayonne, New Jersey. He is a Member of the Board of Directors C. Atlantic area.

He has been an enthusiastic worker in the Rotary Clubs for many years; Member Schenectady, New York Rotary from 1920-1922; Member of Bayonne, New Jersey Rotary, 1922; Vice President Bayonne Rotary 1928-1929; President Bayonne Rotary 1929-1930; Governor Northern New Jersey Rotary Clubs 1939-1940.

The Citizen

He is an Elder in his Church (Presbyterian); Past President, Bayonne Recreation Council; Past President, Civic Council of the United Service Clubs of Bayonne; Secretary,

Mayor's N. R. A. Committee; General Chairman, Mayor's Sesquicentennial Committee; Chairman, Bayonne's 69th Birthday Committee; Secretary, Bayonne Historical Society; served on Boards of the Salvation Army and Boy Scouts of America; Member, Bayonne Chamber of Commerce; Member Bayonne-Staten Island Bridge Opening Committee; Secretary Bayonne U.S.O. Organization; Member Hudson County Advisory Board No. 32 for registrants; Member Sponsoring Committee Bayonne Symphony Orchestra; Secretary Bayonne Church Laymen's Committee.

JOHN M. KRAMER

John M. Kramer, a leading automobile dealer in Bayonne for the past twenty-three years, is a native of Staten Island. Due to able managing, he has expanded his business from a small building 45' x 80' to its present outstanding proportions of 150' x 125' and devotes the entire space to sales and service of Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles. He was the originator of what is at the present time, automobile row, in the uptown section of the city located at 1163 Boulevard. His farsighted vision and confidence in Bayonne has proven that it is not where you are, but what you do, that counts most in every day life. He is a booster for the city he has chosen for his residence and business and predicts that Bayonne has a much greater future than its glorious past.

His present hobby is golf when he can break away from business but in former years was a motorboat enthusiast. Several years ago when he spent a good part of each summer at Lake Mohawk, Mr. Kramer was the proud owner of a Chris-Craft speed boat, powered with a Chrysler 80 Imperial Motor and he spent much time participating in boat races around the lake. He and his son teamed together took part in outboard motor and Jacobi races and both were interested in sailboats.

Being very much interested in civic affairs, Mr. Kramer is an active member of the Kiwanis Club; Vice President of New Jersey Automobile Trade Association; Bayonne Lodge of Elks No. 434 and an honorary member of the Association of Exempt Firemen.

Mr. Kramer is married to the former Mae White, a native of Bayonne and there is one son, Jack, in his junior year at Georgetown University where he is taking a pre-medical course. Their residence is 86 West 40th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

PRESTON H. SMITH

Preston H. Smith was born in Hamilton, N. Y. on May 17, 1871. He graduated from Colgate University in 1893 and after that took up graduate work at Cornell and New York University.

His first experience was as an instructor in Mathematics, at Peddie Institute, Hightstown, N. J. from 1893 to 1898. From 1898 to 1899 he was Principal of an elementary school in Rahway, N. J. He became Principal of Bayonne High School in 1899 and served in that capacity until 1917 when he became Superintendent of the Bayonne schools where he remained until 1941, at which time he retired.

Mr. Smith is a member of a number of Associations, among them are: National Educational Association; National Association School Administrators; New Jersey State Teachers Association of which he was President from 1923 to 1924; New Jersey Council of Education; New Jersey Schoolmasters Club in which he served as President during 1927; New York Schoolmasters Club acting as President in 1924; Member of State Board of Examiners from 1925-1941; Member of Advisory Committee to State Educational Survey Commission 1928-1929.

MISS HELEN MARJORIE WAKEFIELD

Supervisor of Music, Bayonne Schools

Miss Helen Marjorie Wakefield was born in Pennsylvania of pioneer English and French ancestry. Her early education was received in Pennsylvania where she graduated from High School, State Teachers College and Musical Academy of Philadelphia. She has studied piano with Constantin von Stern-

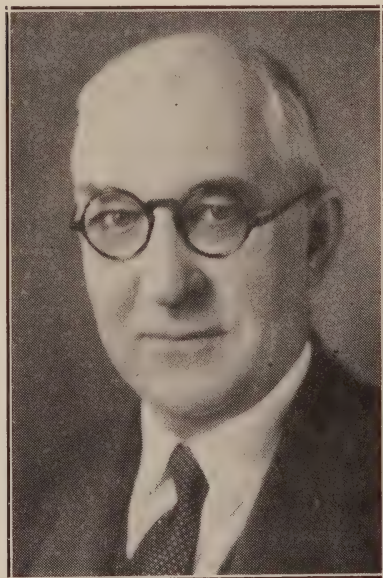


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berg, noted authority on Chopin, organ with Dr. T. Tertius Noble, accompanying with Frank LaForge, composition with James P. Dunn and orchestration with Quinto Maganini. She began the study of the piano at the age of five and never deviated from her desire for a musical career.

She came to Bayonne in order that, while teaching, she could continue the study of music in New York City. At first in Bayonne she was special teacher of music in Washington School. In 1928 she was promoted to Senior High School and in January 1941 was appointed by the Bayonne Board of Education to Supervisor of Music in the Bayonne schools, successor to the late Miss Josephine G. Duke.

Miss Wakefield has been Organist-Choirmaster in several Bayonne churches, viz.: First Reformed, Grace English Lutheran and Calvary Episcopal. She has been soloist with the Bayonne Symphony Orchestra. For two summers she was a member of the faculty in New York University and was Chairman of the Department of Music in the University of Virginia, summer quarter, 1935-1938. She received her B.S. degree from Columbia University in 1938; M.A. 1942 is pending and she has many other exciting musical plans.

On December 1, 1931, Miss Wakefield made her debut as pianist in Steinway Hall, New York where she received the favorable attention of the critics:

New York Times: "Miss Wakefield pleased her crowded house both through a gracious manner on the stage and a poise of ripe musicianship in her playing, alike in classics—and tone pictures of the realists of today."

Evening Post: "Musicianly playing."

Herald Tribune: "Her performance disclosed a dextrous and competent technique while indicating interpretive ability."

World-Telegram: "Besides an unmistakable talent, Miss Wakefield revealed a special flair for mighty sonorities."

Musical America: "Excellent interpretation—unusually good technique."

Musical Courier: "Miss Wakefield's performances were as engaging as her program was notable for its refreshing and enlivening character."

Miss Wakefield has given lecture recitals for the young

and published original part-songs for women's voices. Her "Autumn Philosophy" is published by J. Fischer & Brother.

In New York, Miss Wakefield's serious piano study is continuing at the La Forge-Berúmen Studios on Park Avenue under the guidance of Ernesto Berúmen, noted pianist and teacher.

The local artist has been actively interested in promoting the cause of music in New Jersey by working with various State Committees and by assisting talented young people.

Her hobbies are golf and driving a car and besides her work in schools, her major interests are concert playing and composing.

MRS. ANNY VILL NEUSS

Mrs. Anny Vill Neuss was born in Cologne, Germany and studied music at the Cologne Conservatory under Prof. Fedor Bergor and Elly Ney, the world famous pianist and teacher. Mrs. Neuss taught at various conservatories in Germany and became well known as a concert pianist in Germany, Holland and Russia, playing among others, with the famous Gerzenich Orchestra, Symphony Orchestras in Wilhelmshafen and Hamm and the Symphony Orchestra at the famous Russian Resort of Polonga.

In America, she has appeared in many concerts in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey and among others played with the Little Symphony Orchestra of Bethlehem, Pa.; the Philharmonic Orchestra of Waterbury, Connecticut and the Bayonne Symphony Orchestra, all of which brought her enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Neuss maintains a studio at her residence, 771 Avenue C. She is recognized as a born teacher and, due to her enthusiasm in her profession, has been very successful.

Since her marriage to Prof. Andrew Neuss, the couple have made a speciality of playing piano-duets. It is not surprising that a critic has written of their performance, viz.: "The Solo performances of Prof. and Mrs. Neuss were delightful and deserve the highest possible praise, and in these duet numbers their interpretative power reached a unified

height that I have never heard surpassed. These two artists echoed each other's slightest change in color and tempo and faultlessly the little delicate bursts of interpretative shading which, were outstanding in themselves, but when doubled, became miracles."

PROF. ANDREW H. NEUSS

Prof. Andrew H. Neuss was born February 3, 1888 in Niederkruechten, Rhineland, Germany. He received his first musical instructions from his father, an organist and well known choir-conductor. After finishing high school, he studied at the Conservatory in M. Gladbach, Rhineland, and was thereafter admitted to the Master Classes of the Conservatory of Music in Cologne under Prof. Carl Friedberg (Piano), Prof. F. W. Franke (Organ) and Monsignor Prof. Carl Cohen (Church music). From 1911 to 1923 he was organist at St. Remigius in Viersen, Rhineland and a teacher at the M. Gladbach Conservatory.

In 1915 Prof. Neuss founded a Conservatory at Viersen, which, in a short time, received recognition as a Seminary for Music Teachers.

Coming to America in 1923 with his wife, Anny Vill Neuss, he settled in Bethlehem, Pa., as organist in Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Church and Conductor of Singing Societies. In 1925, he directed the State Music Festival in Bethlehem.

He moved to Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1933 and was Director of the Concordia Singing Society. In 1934 he founded the Waterbury Philharmonic Orchestra. Both musical societies became leading factors in Connecticut musical life.

In 1935 he was the leader of the State Singing Festival of the Connecticut Sangerbund. Prof. Neuss is recognized everywhere as an improviser on the piano and the organ, and his church compositions are praised by authority as very beautiful, effective and churchly.

Prof. Neuss came to Bayonne in 1936 to take the position of Organist in St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church to replace Prof. James P. Dunn, who died in 1936.

A. ALFRED FINK

Born October 7, 1906 in Montreal, Canada, he moved to New Britain, Connecticut at the age of three where he attended the public schools and graduated from New Britain High in February 1925. Mr. Fink attended Syracuse University and New York University and graduated from New Jersey Law School in 1930. He served his clerkship in the office of Alfred Brenner for one year and was admitted to the Bar in 1931. He became counsellor at law and Master in Chancery in 1934. He was associated with Alfred Brenner until September 1941 when he opened his own law office.

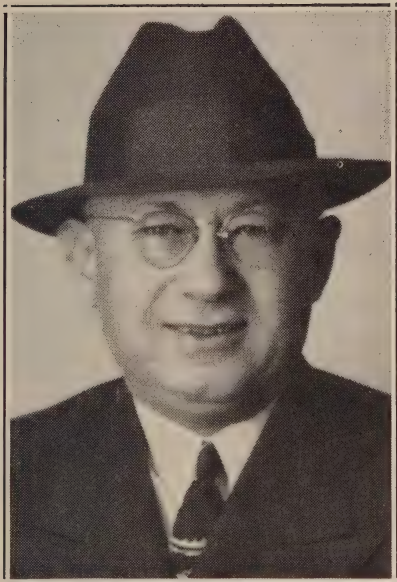
Mr. Fink served as Treasurer of the Bayonne Bar Association in 1938; Secretary in 1939; Vice President in 1940 and President in 1941. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, was a member of the Legislative Committee in 1939 and 1940 and in 1941 was appointed by General Vickers to County Ethics Committee for a term of three years. He is President of Arthur Spitznas Association, a Democratic political organization and is a member of the Mens Club of Temple Emanu El.

In 1931 he was married to the former Isabel Lusterman and they have one daughter, Judith, age seven. Mr. Fink's home is 45 East 40th Street and his law office is located at 615 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey.

LEO W. STEINER

The law has finally triumphed over newspapering in a struggle between the two for the allegiance of Leo W. Steiner. Born in Bayonne on July 12, 1899, he has childhood recollections of the old Hook, where he used to visit his father's drugstore opposite the old Russian Church on East 22nd Street.

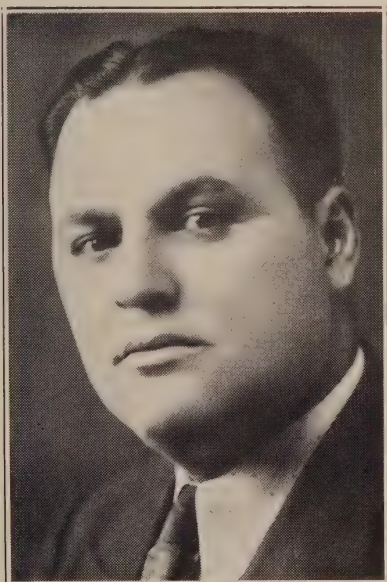
Educated at Public School No. 8, Bayonne High School and Rutgers University, which gave him a Bachelor of Letters degree in 1921, Mr. Steiner, except for a year's interlude as supervising principal and teacher in East Millstone, near New Brunswick (1922-23), has divided his time between newspapering and law.



MORRIS J. WEISS, M.D.



A. ALFRED FINK



EDWARD A. TISCHLER



LEO W. STEINER

He cubbed on the Newark Ledger under H. R. Knickerbocker, now the famous foreign correspondent, edited the sports section of *Bayonne News*, founded the *Bayonne Sports* weekly with Morris L. Rosenberg, sports editor of the *Bayonne Times*, and J. Edward Bennett, covered police for the *Public Opinion* daily, and from 1924 to 1932 covered politics for the *Times*, making local history with his popular column, "The Old Hokum." For a few years during this period he covered this and neighboring cities for the *New York Journal*. In 1934, in partnership with George Harcher, Samuel D. Bressler and Sam Frank he founded *Facts*, local weekly, editing it and heading the corporate ownership until January, 1941, when he, together with the remaining original owners, sold out their shares.

Mr. Steiner's interest in law began when in 1925, a reporter for the *Times*, he entered New York University Law School, graduating three years later with the degree of Juris Doctor, and after a clerkship with Maurice C. Brigadier, was admitted to the New Jersey bar, in January, 1929. Since January of this year he has devoted himself exclusively to the practise of law at his office at 10 West 22nd Street.

A correlate activity was politics. In the 1931 city election he headed the publicity staff for the Donohoe League, four years later he assisted in publicity at the Democratic Club, and in 1939 was in complete charge of publicity in the campaign leading to the precedent-smashing Home Rule clean sweep. In the 1940 gubernatorial campaign he was an active member of the Non-Partisan State Committee for Edison. He has held one city post, in 1932-33, when he was Director of Industrial Advancement under Mayor L. F. Donohoe, and succeeded during the very height of the depression in bringing to Bayonne from Pennsylvania the Lova Silk Mills, which furnished employment for some two hundred girls.

During the First World War he was in the SATC (pre-officers' training) at Rutgers. His affiliations are Phi Epsilon Pi (national college fraternity, Bayonne City Democratic Club, Stephen J. Pekarovich Association, in which he is chairman of the Board of trustees, and the Bayonne Bar Association; he is a former trustee of the Hudson County Press Club, was president of the late Bayonne Press Club, president

of the Bayonne Theatre Guild, and a member of the Poetry Club, where they hear original verses read by Frank J. Singer, Bruno Tarzia, Paul Homer Kitchen, and in past years by Ralph Minard. Mr. Steiner is single, lives with his mother at 92 West 33rd Street.

MORRIS J. WEISS, M.D.

Born in the City of New York, Dr. Weiss came to Bayonne when a boy of ten. He received his grammar school education in the old Constable Hook School No. 5 and attended Bayonne High School when it was located on Eighth Street.

Dr. Weiss received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical School after which he served as House Surgeon at the Bayonne Hospital and Dispensary. Later he took graduate courses at New York Post Graduate Hospital in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases and opened his office for practice at 734 Avenue C, where he is still in the profession.

Soon after the United States declared war with Germany in 1917, Dr. Weiss enlisted as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps where he spent almost three years, two of which he was located in France and Germany. While overseas he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and, when he returned home took up his duties as a School Physician. In 1923 he headed the Medical Department of the Board of Education and Parochial Schools of Bayonne as Chief Medical Inspector.

He has been connected with the Bayonne Hospital Major Staff since 1920 and is at present the Chief Attending Surgeon in the department of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases.

Dr. Weiss has many hobbies, but the major one is traveling in foreign lands where the customs and manners of the natives are an interesting study. He has been in every state in the Union and has covered all of Europe and the Near East including the northern countries of Africa. His travels have brought him as far north as Labrador and as far south as Venezuela in South America. He has spent many years while

on these vacations at the Post Graduate Schools of Vienna and Heidelberg.

He is a member of the Benevolent Order of Elks; college fraternity Zeta Beta Tau and until recently was active in International Rotary.

He is married to the former Miss Rose Marie Sall of San Francisco and they reside at 734 Avenue C, Bayonne, N. J.

EDWARD A. TISCHLER

If aged Hebrews, many of them past the scriptural three score years and ten, have constant, expert medical care as well as the comforts of home at the Isaac and Rosa Gluckman Home for the Aged, it can be set down in not inconsiderable degree to the efforts of Edward A. Tischler, who, like FDR, is serving a third term as president.

Active in the Gluckman institution for the last five years, Mr. Tischler's administrations have added medical, nursing, dental, optometrical and chiropodist staffs for constant servicing of the aged residents, as well as numerous other improvements.

Born in New York City on January 22, 1896, he was brought to Bayonne at the age of six by his parents, Max Tischler and the late Mildred Davis Tischler. Educated locally, at No. 7 and Lincoln Schools, he embarked in the insurance and real estate business and in politics, his affable personality being a definite asset in both ventures. The latter keeps him busy days at the Hudson County Court House where he is statistician of the County Board of Health, and the former occupies other parts of his day at his own office at 449 Broadway.

Political activity has included twenty-four years of work for the regular Democratic organization, and during seventeen of those years he was City Committeeman successively in three districts, and for a few years was secretary to the Bayonne City Democratic Club.

More on the social and philanthropic side have been his affiliations with the old YMHA; the Bayonne Lodge of Elks, in which he is a Past Exalted Ruler and he has held every

office except that of treasurer during twenty years of constant lodge activity; Beth El Lodge, F. & A. M., Salaam Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and the 32nd Masonic Degree Consistory.

It was the Elks that really started Mr. Tischler on sociological work. He was the first secretary of the famed original Bayonne Elks Crippled Kiddies Committee, and labored for a score of years helping to rehabilitate the underprivileged wards of the lodge.

Mrs. Edward A. Tischler is the former Birdie K. Moore of Cortland, Ala. The Tischlers have a daughter, Lilyan Irma, nine years of age, and they, together with Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Tischler's mother, reside at 67 West 38th Street.

THOMAS M. O'BRIEN

1870 - 1941

Thomas M. O'Brien was born in the Fourth Ward November 17, 1870 of pioneer Irish parents. He was graduated from St. Mary's Parochial School when it was located on Evergreen Street. Among his classmates were the late City Clerk, William P. Lee, the late Recorder Daniel J. Murray and William C. Devlin, plumbing contractor.

Mr. O'Brien was first employed by the Consumers Coal and Ice Company and in 1884 entered the grocery business in the employ of Van Natta's Grocery Store in which position he remained for eleven years. It was from that store that he dug a tunnel across the street to another grocery store in the famous blizzard of 1888. As a veteran of the blizzard, he often recalled his experiences during that storm and the days following when the snow was piled so high it reached the railroad trestles overhead and completely bottled up the underpass.

Mr. O'Brien was married twice. His first wife was Miss Helena Kelly who died in 1920, the daughter of William J. Kelly of Bayonne. There were two sons and two daughters by this marriage, Helen (wife of Dr. Lucius Cassidy of Louisville, Colo.), Ann (wife of Major John O'Day Murtaugh, an instructor at the cavalry school at Fort Riley in Kansas), Thomas M., Jr. and William J. K. O'Brien, both of whom



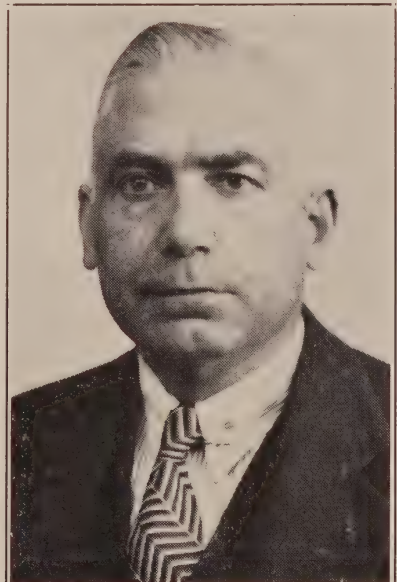
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THOMAS M. O'BRIEN



MISS ROSE BRADY



JOHN MANZ, JR.

are morticians carrying on the father's business. His second marriage took place in 1929 when he wed Mrs. Minnie Tenny Quinn, who died in 1931.

A leading parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Mr. O'Brien was former vice president of its Holy Name Society and served as Grand Marshal whenever St. Mary's led the annual parade. He was active in the financial field, serving as director at one time of the Mechanics National Bank, now the Broadway National Bank and as treasurer and director of the Home Building and Loan Association and a director of Building and Loan Association No. 2.

Mr. O'Brien entered the funeral directing business after completing studies at a number of embalming schools, among them the National College of Embalming in New York. He was also in the real estate business for many years and was a former president of the Pamrapau Corporation and the Peninsula City Investment Company. He became a funeral director in 1894 and at the time of his death was the most outstanding mortician in the city. For many years he served as coroner.

He was a charter and life member of Star of the Sea Council, No. 371, Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight in 1906 and 1907; a charter and life member of Bayonne Lodge of Elks, of the Young Men's Association, old-time athletic group; charter member and founder of the County Corkmen's Association and director of the Bayonne Visiting Nurse Association. He was a member of and at various times held offices in the Hudson County, New Jersey and National Funeral Directors Associations. He also served on the Board of Education.

He was a strong link with Bayonne's vigorous past and was one of the city's most widely known and highly respected citizens. He typified the finest of the many fine citizens Bayonne has given to progress of the city, the state and the nation.

HENRY LAUENSTEIN

Henry Lauenstein was born in Springfield, New Jersey, January 25, 1860 one of six children, two girls and four boys,

the son of William and Susan (McMannis) Lauenstein. He is of German-Irish ancestry.

He attended the Springfield schools after which he worked on the farm of his father. At the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, which was celebrated June 23, 1880, he rode a horse in a sham battle representing the Americans. He attended the 150th Anniversary also and noted the marked difference in the celebration — everything being done in fireworks.

Mr. Lauenstein came to Bayonne in 1881 to work in the Standard Oil Company. He later became an employee of the Tide Water Oil Company where he remained for forty years and from which he was retired in 1925.

In his early days he was an enthusiastic ballplayer. His late wife was the former Adelaide Van Houten, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Whaley) Van Houten of Elizabeth. He is the father of six children, two girls and four boys; Adelaide (wife of William Osbahr), Joe and Fred of Bayonne, Henry of Bloomfield and Helen (wife of Edward Monahan) of Teaneck and five grandsons and one granddaughter. His son, William, was killed in action in the World War.

He is a parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Holy Name Society. He is a life member of the Association of Exempt Firemen having served in the volunteer days as foreman of Independence Fire Company. He is also a life member of the State Firemen's Association.

His hobby is gardening and much of his spare time is devoted to it. He has been a resident of West 14th Street for the past fifty-five years.

Mr. Lauenstein has seen many changes in those years. He has seen the city grow from a farmer's paradise, with cows in the pasture, fields waving with corn and birds singing merrily in the woods to the enterprising industrial city as it is today. In place of the yacht clubs, bathing beaches, groves and country lanes the shores of the city are now lined with oil tankers and factories.

MRS. RICHARD F. HAWXHURST

Enora Hawxhurst was born in New Brunswick, Canada, where she received her early education. She then went to

New York City and took special courses in music and in her early life was a fine vocalist. In June 1884 she was married to Richard F. Hawxhurst in New York and in 1885 they came to Bayonne to make their home. Except for a period of three years, when first coming to the city, Mrs. Hawxhurst has lived on East 34th Street.

From the time she settled in Bayonne she joined in the activities of the community and was an efficient director in practically every enterprise in the city. She studied painting and in her living room, one may see some of her fine works.

She has attended the First Reformed Church since 1887 and was an enthusiastic worker in church circles and for many years sang in the choir.

Mrs. Hawxhurst was a faithful worker for the Mansfield Post, Grand Army of the Republic. At the turn of the century, she hired a large tent, had it erected on a vacant plot on Willow Street and Broadway, then Avenue D, where a Fair was held. The sum of \$1,200 was raised on this occasion which was put into a fund to curtail expenses of men to go to the encampment in summer.

She was instrumental in having a G.A.R. parade every year on Decoration Day in which large numbers participated.

For some time the city talked of having a Soldier's Monument in the city but nothing came of it until Mrs. Hawxhurst took hold and started collections for this purpose. At various times and places she gave teas, luncheons and suppers and had one dinner at which five hundred attended to raise money for this monument.

Eleanor Eadie, a local artist designed the original stone for this monument which was dedicated in 1914. It stands in the Hudson County Park between 39th and 40th Streets near Avenue B.

Mrs. Hawxhurst was made an honorary member of the Newark Bay Boat Club. She is a charter member of the Bayonne Woman's Club and in April of 1941 received a bronze medal by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs as one of the Pioneer Women in the Political Study Club of which she is a charter member.

MISS ROSE BRADY

1870 - 1940

Miss Rose Brady, the first woman ever to serve as a bank director in the State of New Jersey, was born in Bayonne January 6, 1870, the daughter of Terence and Bridget (Cogan) Brady. Her father was one of the five Brady brothers who played a dominant role in the building of Bayonne. The Brady family were engaged in expanding the net of American railroads and Miss Brady's early years were spent in the midst of business pioneering. At the age of sixteen she was swept up in what was to her an exciting adventure—she went to work for her father, a railroad contractor. Accompanying her father as bookkeeper, secretary and paymaster on numerous jobs, she traveled all over the East with him. Later she became office manager for the Consumers Coal and Ice Company and after her father's death became its president. In later years she also headed the Brady Company and the Lake Hopatcong Ice Company.

Miss Brady long held many distinctions as a business executive. She was on the board of directors of the Mechanics National Bank which later became the Broadway National Bank in Bayonne. Her interests were not confined to her own immediate business affairs and she was constantly alert to the problems of all women in business and world affairs. This interest resulted in her activity as a founder and charter member of the Bayonne Zonta Club, women's service organization, in which she served as treasurer. She also served on the board of directors of Bayonne Hospital. Her charitable interests were extensive and her contributions aided in the decoration of St. Andrew's Church of which she was a member.

The family prominence in political life was outstanding with Thomas Brady, an uncle of Miss Brady, recorded in the city's history as Mayor from 1903-5 who in the late 1800's ran the old stagecoach route from Bayonne to Jersey City and Jerome Brady, a brother, a commissioner.

For almost fifty years Miss Brady resided in the old Brady homestead at 21 West Sixth Street but in later years moved to 40 Avenue B, where she died November 3, 1940.

JOHN MANZ, Jr.

John Manz, Jr. was born in Bayonne, N. J. where he received his early education. He is the son of the founder of the Manz Shoe Store, 492 Avenue C, Bayonne. The business was established in the year 1881 by John Manz, Sr. in the Constable Hook section of our city, then known as William and 22nd Street. He came to this country from Germany in November 1873 and when first coming here was employed by the T. C. Reynolds Paint Works of Constable Hook until his entering the shoe business. He was married in 1882 to Miss Hannah Scholz also of the Hook section and they were blessed with thirteen children, John, Jr. being the oldest.

The business was continued at the Constable Hook address for eight years when it moved up to the present location at Avenue C and 22nd Street. In 1919 John Manz, Sr. sold out the business to his son, John, Jr. being that he was actively interested and connected with it and since that time he has been running it showing much progress. At the present time there are three male employees and a cashier in the shoe store which is one of the oldest in the city. Mr. Manz has a branch store in Newark at 115 Halsey Street which is run under the name of Dr. Scholls Foot Comfort Shop and there are four people employed there including a chiropodist.

John Manz, Jr. is married to the former Emilia Muller and there are four children; Ruth (Mrs. John Behnken) now of Pequonnock, N. J.; Mildred, a private secretary in the Metropolitan Insurance Company in New York; Emily, a private secretary in the firm of Flynn, Harrison & Conroy in New York, and John, who is attending the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark.

For many years, Mr. Manz has been connected with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on the Boulevard and 31st Street, Bayonne. He recently retired as President after holding the office for twenty-five years.

He is a charter member of the Central Y.M.C.A.

His present address is 105 West 41st Street, Bayonne.

MERRILL A. SWINEY, M.D.

In 1904 when the Bayonne doctors were represented by a baseball team, Dr. Merrill A. Swiney played first base, and his heavy hitting was an outstanding feature of many games. His ability as a baseball player became known shortly after he came to Bayonne on April 13th of that year to open an office for the practice of medicine.

Born in Middlebury, Vermont, Dr. Swiney spent his boyhood in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he graduated from the Holyoke High School. Later he went to the University of Pennsylvania from which he received a degree of M.D. in 1903. After his internship of one year at Saint Francis Hospital, Jersey City, he was associated with the late Dr. John Faison in the surgical department for women at Saint Francis Hospital. In 1912 he opened the Swiney Sanitorium of which he has since been the director.

He was Grand Knight of Star of Sea Council No. 371, Knights of Columbus in 1908, having been a member of the Holyoke Council. He is a member of the Hudson County Medical Society, New Jersey State Medical Society, American Medical Association and the Bayonne Kiwanis Club.

He is married and is the father of five daughters and one son, among whom are Dr. Juliana C. Swiney and Dr. Merrill A. Swiney, 3rd.

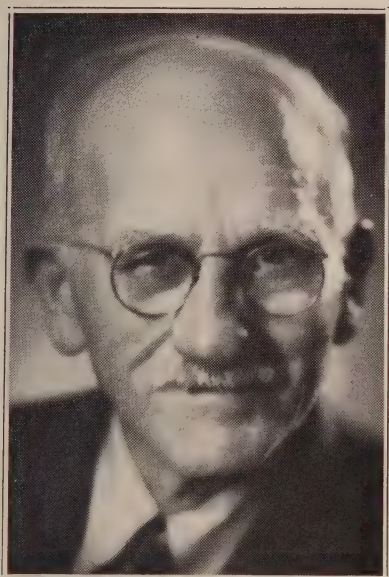
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City Treasurer

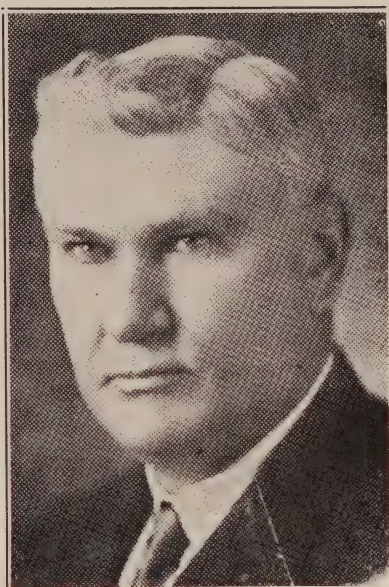
John J. Ryan was born in New York City, the son of the late Patrick and Margaret (Hickey) Ryan. His father served in the New York Police Department under the famous Inspector Alexander S. Williams.

When Mr. Ryan was two years old, his parents moved to Bayonne and upon their death he became the ward of Rev. Thomas M. Kileen (for whom Kileen Park is named) and the then Chief of Police of Bayonne, John B. MacNeill.

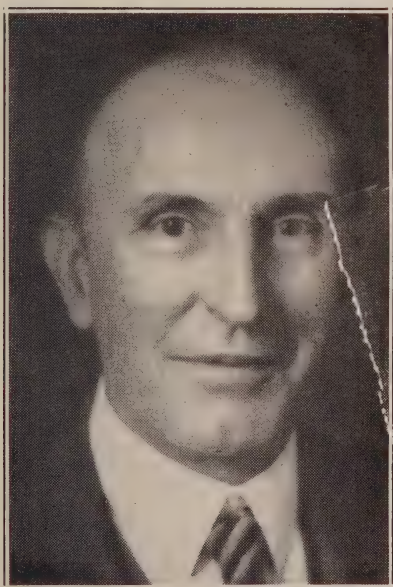
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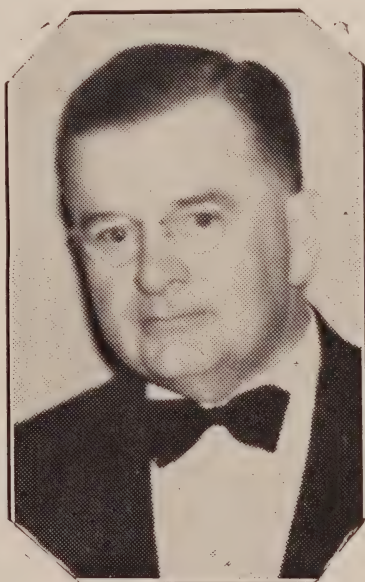
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MERRILL A. SWINEY, M.D.



JOHN J. RYAN
City Treasurer



FREDERICK J. GAINSWAY

ceived his later education at St. Laurent College, near Montreal, Canada.

Upon leaving college, he became affiliated with the law offices of Charles W. Parker, now Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. He left the office of Justice Parker to become Secretary to Hon. Allan Benny, then Representative from the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ryan has held many offices in connection with the administration of the City of Bayonne. Among them are, Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners and Clerk of the Police Department under the late Chief of Police, Thomas Magner (1905-1906); Secretary to the late Mayor Matthew T. Cronin (1906-1911); City Comptroller (1911-1915); City Treasurer (1915-1919); Finance Clerk (1924); City Treasurer from April 3, 1924 to the present time.

He is a member of Star of the Sea Council No. 371, Knights of Columbus and the Bayonne City Democratic Club, of which he was treasurer for a number of years. He is a communicant of St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church.

He was married on September 23, 1903 to Lillian M. Trelegan. He and his wife reside at 120 West 37th Street.

CORNELIUS J. O'NEILL

Chief of Police

Cornelius J. O'Neill was born in Oxford, New Jersey, one of ten children. His Irish ancestry is pronounced. His grandfather, Patrick O'Neill came to this country from Ireland but died of ship's fever at Quarantine. His grandmother remained in New York and lived to the age of 98. The Chief's father, also Cornelius, came to this country in 1863, at the age of eleven, became a seaman when a young man and saw service on ships in the Civil War. Later he found employment in a nail factory at Oxford, New Jersey, where he married Margaret Regan.

The family moved to Bayonne from Elizabeth with young Cornelius working as a pattern maker, employment which he

held for about fifteen years. Like his father, Chief O'Neill is a Democrat, a teetotaler (member Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society, Elizabeth Chapter), he was presented with a gold watch by members and friends; a prominent parishioner of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church.

On September 28, 1910 Chief O'Neill married the former Mary E. Tierney, the ceremony performed at St. Mary's Church by the late Rev. Msgr. Andrew M. Egan. Seven children were born to them. A son died at an early age.

Chief O'Neill gained political office in 1911 when he was elected a member of the Board of Excise Commissioners. He served three years as president of that body and then was made assistant City Clerk under the newly-inaugurated commission form of government. In May 1919, he was named City Clerk and became Chief of Police two years later, succeeding Michael F. Reilly, who died in office. The present incumbent's twenty years in the office mark a record of service, no previous chief having served that long. He has played an important part in major crime cases. When appointed Chief, a diamond badge was presented to him by the Bayonne City Democratic Club and a gun was presented by the old Bayonne City Club, one-time outstanding social organization, both of which he prizes very highly and carries with him daily.

Chief O'Neill's hobbies are his family and athletics.

Experience has made the chief ready to cope quickly with any problems that may beset his department but a new kind of task faces him with the growing importance of Bayonne as a national defense center. He has already set plans in motion for protection of the city's industries and strategic waterfront in his capacities as police chief and head of the Bayonne Defense Council and also serving an important post in the New Jersey State Defense Council. In addition, he is first Vice President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

FREDERICK J. GAINSWAY

Mr. Gainsway, the Managing Editor of *The Jersey Journal*, was born in Utica, New York where he began newspaper work on the staff of the *Utica Daily Press*, and in the

year 1905, he came to New Jersey. He connected with the *Bayonne Times* and remained with that paper until January 1907 when he became a member of the staff of *The Jersey Journal* and with which he has been affiliated continuously serving successfully as reporter, Assistant City Editor and Managing Editor. Mr. Gainsway is a member of the Rotary Club of Jersey City and the Arcola Country Club.

LEON SUSSMAN

Born in Austria in 1861, the son of an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist practising in Vienna, Leon Sussman migrated to Montreal, Canada at the age of eight. He was married in Montreal and after two years residence there, made his home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Always interested in machinery he made it his life work and after his arrival in New York City was affiliated with the Freeland Tool Works, Watson Stillman Hydraulic Works and Continental Iron Works. He invented many labor saving device machines and one of the machines was for making buttonholes and after being in business for himself sold his invention to the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company.

During the panic of the Cleveland administration, he took charge of the Brooklyn branch of the Columbia Machine Works. He was supervisor of the first subway in New York City which position he held for three years.

After coming to Bayonne May 15, 1900 to make his permanent home here, Mr. Sussman commuted to New York where he employed four hundred people working on his invention of flexible tubing machines.

He is, no doubt, the oldest and most active machinist in the Peninsula and at the age of eighty years, is at the present time, engaged in building labor saving device machines for the Maiden Form Brassiere Company, Inc.

He has three daughters and one son; Dave Sussman of Teaneck, Mrs. Anna Marshak, widow of the late Dr. I. Marshal who was a heart and chest specialist in Bayonne, Martha, wife of George Fink and Miss Minnie of Bayonne. His home is 44 East 27th Street, Bayonne.

BART R. BOYLE

Oratorical talent has played an important part in shaping the career of Bart R. Boyle, former Corporation Counsel of the City of Bayonne and now as Assistant Prosecutor of Hudson County. Born on January 12, 1897, in a house still standing at 43 East 27th Street, Bayonne, he forged to the front as a schoolboy orator in St. Henry's Parochial School, St. Peter's Preparatory, and St. Peter's College (now Hudson College in Jersey City).

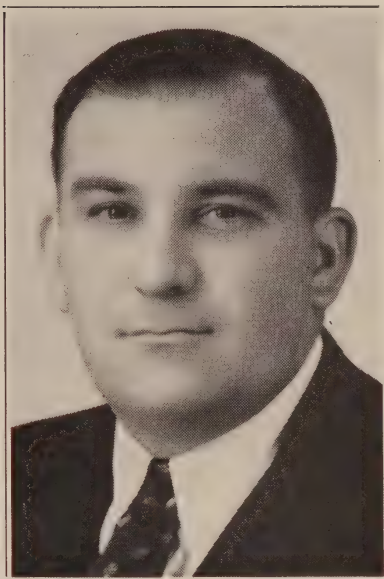
Armed with a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Peter's, he entered New Jersey Law School in Newark, and served as Clerk of the Recorder's Court under Judge Eugene T. Sharkey. Previously Mr. Boyle had been an Assistant City Engineer, a post for which his World War experience as an ensign in the U. S. Navy stood him in good stead. The ensign's commission had come as the result of his leaving college at the age of twenty-one to enlist in the Navy early in 1918.

It was only natural that a young lawyer of Mr. Boyle's marked oratorical ability should be called upon to play his part in the local political theater, and in this field he has been consistently active in behalf of the regular Democratic organization. His campaigning for State candidates has carried him in barnstorming tours throughout New Jersey as a top ranking member of the State and Hudson County Democratic Party Speakers Bureau. In City Commission campaigns he has been the head of the local speakers' bureau. His political activities have carried him through the positions of Assistant City Attorney (1927-31), Deputy Director of Parks and later Deputy Director of Public Works (1931-35), and Corporation Counsel to his present county post under Prosecutor O'Regan.

Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Boyle and the former Maria Hogue of Jersey City—Margaret Mary, now sixteen, a senior at Holy Family Academy, and Bart, Jr., fifteen-year-old sophomore at St. Peter's Prep. The Boyles live at the Del Monte Apartments on West 33rd Street. Mr. Boyle's private law practise is conducted at his office, 437 Broadway.



BART R. BOYLE



JOSEPH G. VAYDA



LEON SUSSMAN



WACTAW SOLINSKI

His clubs are the Bayonne Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler, the Knights of Columbus, and Bayonne Post No. 19 of the American Legion, of which he is a Past Commander. A long life is in store for him if heredity means anything, for his father, Owen D. Boyle, lived to celebrate his fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1936, and died four years later at the age of eighty-three.

JOSEPH G. VAYDA

Friday the 13th holds no terrors for Joseph G. Vayda. Born on that day in September, 1901, in Warren, Minn., his life so far has been an active, vigorous and happy one.

Although best known locally for his prominently successful efforts in social and charitable work for St. Joseph's R. C. Church Parish, Mr. Vayda has an early background that few of the many who know him suspect. For instance, he was in every State in the Union before he was eighteen years old—and as a member of an army unit engaged in breaking, training and distributing horses to cavalry and artillery outfits. He enlisted at the age of fifteen, in Auxiliary Remount Depot No. 319, only a few months after the United States declared war on Germany in 1917.

With an early manhood like that it's easy to see why his chief vacation delights are traveling and hunting (bear and deer are his favorite game). He likes pro football, skating, the theater. And always there are his unending church and parish activities.

Chronologically his life went this way—he was brought to Bayonne by his parents at the age of one. They settled in the Fifth Ward, and Mr. Vayda, having resided there ever since, is now the Democratic leader of that oldest and first settled part of the peninsula. Came schooldays (St. Joseph's Parochial and Bayonne Vocational) and the Army, and after the war, work as a carpenter and cabinet maker.

In 1923 the then Commissioner Patrick J. O'Connell, as Director of Public Safety, appointed Mr. Vayda an assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Weights and Measures. Recently Mayor Donovan named him as chief assistant to Superintendent Flynn.

Mrs. Vayda is the former Anna C. Vayda—the sameness of last names was only a coincidence—of Shamokin, Pa. They have two boys, Andrew, seven, and Jerome, four, and they live at 261 Prospect Avenue, not far from St. Joseph's Church.

Some of the buildings at St. Joseph's are really a permanent monument to Mr. Vayda's work, for he has been the right arm of the Very Rev. Monsignor Andrew L. Adzima, pastor, in most of the secular activities in the parish. For instance, the original St. Joseph's Lyceum, in the rear of the rectory, was a wooden building. It was gutted by a fire. Mr. Vayda replaced it with a brick veneer structure containing the last word in heating and plumbing and showers. The bar and grill in St. Joseph's Auditorium, favorite of family parties, was made and installed by Mr. Vayda; all maintenance and repairs in the buildings and grounds of the parish are under his supervision.

Mr. Vayda was the organizer of St. Joseph Boy Scout Troop No. 18; he has been president and manager of St. Joseph's Bowling Alley Club since its organization seven years ago, a club boasting as fine a set of alleys as can be found in many a mile; he was the organizer of the Slavish Welfare Political Club and he has been chairman of numerous parish excursions.

Other affiliations are St. Joseph's Holy Name Society, the New Jersey State Association of Weights and Measures, the Bayonne City Democratic Club (now a member of its board of trustees), Knights of Columbus Star of the Sea Council No. 317, Bayonne Post No. 19 of the American Legion, and Post No. 165 of the Catholic War Veterans.

JOSEPH W. BUCKLEY

City Committeeman and city leader, Joseph W. Buckley has gone from the ranks to the top of the Democratic organization ladder, guiding his climb on two cardinal principles — "Follow the leader" and "Give a man in need a helping hand." In response to the former he has clung to Frank Hague, State party leader, and it was at his command that Mr. Buckley

wore the toga of Hague Bayonne leadership during most of the year 1939. But it was in adhering to the latter principle that Mr. Buckley earned hosts of friends who remained loyal through thick and thin. In pursuit of this fixed idea he has often taken on assignments that to most politicians would seem too strenuous, and almost invariably he has carried them out successfully.

Freeholder Buckley was born on East 5th Street, Bayonne, in 1893, has lived all his life in the immediate neighborhood of his birthplace, and for the last score of years at 110 Lord Avenue. This district of his nativity was the first of the Fourth Ward. As it grew parts of it were lopped off to become new election districts. But the neighborhood in which Mr. Buckley lived always retained and still retains the proud title First of the Fourth.

A graduate of Old No. 4, now the Mary J. Donohoe School, and Bayonne High School, the youthful Buckley enlisted in the Regular Army and saw service in France with the 4th Division, coming home after thirteen months of it in July, 1919. He went into politics immediately and as Bayonne's first bus supervisor he organized a methodical system where previously there had been chaos, a system from which the present efficient transportation service is directly descended. And thus he showed the Democratic city leader, Dr. Bert Daly, that he had ability of his own as well as a flair for carrying out detailed orders.

Dr. Daly, as Director of Revenue and Finance, made Mr. Buckley his deputy, and in 1922 County Leader Hague had the rising young politician appointed an Under Sheriff, while fellow-Democrats chose him to be president of the Bayonne City Democratic Club. During his five successive years as president, the club celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Mr. Buckley resigned from the shrievalty staff in 1926 and devoted his time to the contracting business. Two years later the organization called him again and he was made Chief Clerk of the County Board of Health, headed by Dr. Daly as County Physician. From this position Mr. Buckley resigned in 1935 to become a member of the County Board of Freeholders, filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of Bayonne's present mayor, James J. Donovan. At the subsequent

county election Freeholder Buckley was elected to succeed himself for the full term of three years.

His Health Board service and experience resulted in his being unanimously chosen by his fellow-Freeholders to be in charge of the County Tuberculosis Hospital in Jersey City. He is also chairman of the board's important Committee on Finance.

But he is not depending solely on politics. An anchor to windward is his ownership of the Boulevard Swimming Pool, popular mecca of thousands each summer at the City Line. Another is his activity in his private business of general contracting. It has been a varied, colorful, actionful career so far—with even a touch of the pale cast of intellectualism—in pre-Commission Government days the Free Public Library was administered by a commission. Mr. Buckley was a member of that commission.

He is married to the former Florence Brady of Elizabeth, and their three children are Joseph Jr., seventeen years old, a senior at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City; Robert, fifteen-year-old sophomore at St. Peter's; and Bert, twelve, a student at St. Andrew's Parochial School in Bayonne. The Buckleys are communicants of St. Andrew's R. C. Church, and Mr. Buckley was one of its very first parishioners—when the parish was created as a result of St. Mary's growing too large.

His clubs are Star of the Sea Council No. 371 Knights of Columbus, the Bayonne Lodge of Elks in which he has been active for twenty years, the Bayonne City Democratic Club, St. Andrew's Holy Name Society, the Bayonne Post of the American Legion, and the Joyce-Herbert Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is keen on golf as a participant, and on baseball, football and hockey as a fan.

DENNIS TIMOTHY O'LEARY

Concentration on the immediate job, an intense concentration until perfection is attained, has characterized the various stages of the public and private career of Dennis Timothy O'Leary, former City Commissioner and since 1935 Hudson County General Storekeeper.



JOSEPH W. BUCKLEY



DENNIS T. O'LEARY



CORNELIUS J. O'NEILL
Chief of Police

Back in 1910, toward the end of a four years' enlistment in the U. S. Navy, he was gun pointing in target practice off Chefoo, China. The gun a six-inch one, the speed of the ship ten knots with a roll and pitch of ten degrees, the range 2,500 yards; in a space of twenty-one seconds, Boatswain's Mate (2nd Class) O'Leary had scored five direct hits out of five tries, breaking the Navy record. Today he gives the same keen concentration and effort to his election district, the fourteenth district of the First Ward. That he once held the all-powerful post of Director of Public Safety is not allowed to interfere with the job on hand, which is holding his district in line for the straight Democratic ticket. And so, whether it's a presidential-gubernatorial election or an unimportant primary, Mr. O'Leary is on the go, rain or shine, getting his vote out. Incidentally, his honorable discharge from the Navy mentions a recommendation for promotion to the rank of First Mate. He had enlisted as a signalman.

Born November 8, 1889, at No. 128 Avenue E, at that time in the fourth district of the Fourth Ward, he attended St. Mary's Parochial School, worked as a boilermaker for the Standard Oil Company and as a pumpman for the Vacuum Oil Company. Fellow workers at Constable Hook followed him into the Honest Government camp. He proved a colorful, vigorous campaigner, and when his faction captured a majority of City Commission places in the 1923 election he was made Street Commissioner. A change in control forced him out and he obtained work in Elizabeth.

His standing as a popular labor man made him a natural election for the Donohoe League ticket in 1931, and on May 14 of that year he was chosen for a four years' term as City Commissioner. Assigned to the Department of Public Works he was responsible for many permanent improvements, an outstanding example of which is Veterans' Park, adjoining Senior High School on the south and running from 28th to 25th Streets, from Avenue A to the bulkheaded edge of reclaimed areas in Newark Bay. The park was laid out and constructed at a minimum cost to the city. Park benches were placed in places where they were needed throughout the city, a wading pool was built for Fifth Ward children, basketball courts constructed for youngsters at various playgrounds in projects

sponsored by Mr. O'Leary. The second two years of his term were spent as Director of Public Safety, and at the expiration he was appointed by the County Board of Freeholders to his present post.

Mr. O'Leary lives with his family at 366 Avenue A. His wife is the former Brigid Driscoll of Union Hall, County Cork, Ireland. Their children are Regina, 23 years old, a graduate of Notre Dame College, Staten Island; Irene, at 21, is a very recent graduate of the same college now attending graduate school at Columbia University; James, 18, is a sophomore at Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Ind., and Rosemary, 12, will soon be graduating from St. Mary's. They and their mother are Mr. O'Leary's principal hobby. Taking second place is his keen interest in baseball, football, basketball, prize fights and hockey games.

His church is, of course, St. Mary's, and his club and fraternal affiliations are the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he has been State organizer, and is now county vice president and division vice president; the Irish Historical Society of New York; Star of the Sea Council No. 371 Knights of Columbus, which he served as trustee for several years, and the Fourth Degree Assembly of that order; St. Mary's Holy Name Society; and the Bayonne Lodge of Elks, which elected him to life membership.

2ND LIEUT. WACTAW SOLINSKI, R.O.C.

A living example of how wrong the anti-immigration agitators are, Wactaw Solinski, Bayonne's No. 1 war hero from the standpoint of action, seen and decorations awarded, was born in Poland but fought for the United States in France and before that saw service at the Mexican border. Quiet, modest, even shy about his exploits, he is now a clerk in the City Tax Assessor's office after ten years of employment as an assistant store manager for Sears Roebuck & Company.

His army record reads like a lurid tale from an action-packed thrill magazine. Enlisting at Fort Slocum, N. Y., in February 1917, he served with company "K" 26th Infantry, 1st Division, regular Army, at the Mexican border. His outfit

went to France shortly after the Declaration of War against Germany and before Christmas of 1917 he was in the trenches in the Luneville sector.

In the very thick of the fighting, he took part in ten bloody engagements, getting off with two wounds. His battles were the Luneville sector, Toul sector, Cantigny, Saizerais, Montdidier-Noyon, the Aisne-Marne offensive of July 18, 1918 Pershing's St. Mihiel offensive, the Meuse-Argonne offensive in October, and again from November 1 to 11th, 1918, and the March on Coblenz, Germany. Thus he was with the American Army of Occupation as well as the A. E. F. His wounds occurred during the Aisne-Marne offensive and the Meuse-Argonne on October 5. All in all, his First World War service covered two years.

Starting as a raw recruit, Mr. Solinski went up through the grades of Private 1st class, corporal, sergeant, first sergeant, supply sergeant, battalion sergeant-major, and in 1922 was commissioned by the President as Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Reserve Officers Corps, assigned to Company I 310th Infantry, 78th Division.

It was in the Aisne-Marne offensive, near Soissons, that he earned the Distinguished Service Cross. Other decorations and medals he may wear are the Silver Star with Oak Leaf, the Purple Heart medal with Oak Leaf, General Haller's Swords (from the Polish Government), the Verdun Medal (from the French Government), the U. S. Mexican border medal, and the Victory Medal.

The citation for the D. S. C., in matter-of-fact military language, contains all the elements of a movie thriller: "For Extraordinary heroism in action near Soissons, France, July 18, 1918, Sergeant Solinski although seriously wounded in the thigh by an aerial bomb, took command of his platoon after the death of his commander and gallantly led it forward until he fell unconscious."

And for this one he received the Silver Star: "Solinski, Wactaw, 54813, Sergeant, Company K, 26th Infantry, 1st Division, near Exermont, France, October 1 to October 12, 1918, while leading his platoon forward, displayed remarkable traits of leadership, coolness and devotion to duty by advancing under intense artillery fire, and although his platoon

suffered heavily in killed and wounded, successfully completed his mission and was wounded shortly after his platoon gained its position."

Would he go through it again? "As ready now as I was 21 years ago to bear arms and combat the enemies of our government," he said. "As a citizen of this free and glorious country I consider this as my most important duty."

Born in Lomza, Poland, on September 4, 1896, and educated in that country, he served a second enlistment in the U. S. Army from 1923 to 1926, completed an accountancy course with the American University of Commerce, Chicago, and was associated with Sears Roebuck & Company for ten years. Married in 1925, he and his wife, Maryanna, have two children, Irene, 15 years old, a student in Bayonne High School, and Walter Solinski, Jr., 8 years old, 5th grade pupil at Horace Mann School. Their home is 14 East 37th Street.

Perhaps as a contrast to the violent action of AEF days, Mr. Solinski today basks in the quiet sunshine of a happy wedded state, likes to go fishing or to putter around in his garden. He reads a great deal, likes hard work too. A very active parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel R. C. Church, his other affiliations are: Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the U. S.; Pulaski Military Club, New York City; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 226; Disabled American World War Veterans, Post No. 5; Polish American Democratic Club, Youth of Rainbow Society, Holy Name Society of Mount Carmel Church, Polish-American World War Veterans, Post 85; United Polish-American Political Clubs, Bayonne Chapter No. 9 of the Polish Relief Fund, of which he is a former chairman and of which he is now honorary chairman.

CAESAR F. CIABURRI

Caesar F. Ciaburri, President of the Bayonne Board of Education, attended St. Mary's Parochial School and when nine years of age, his parents returned to Italy where they resided until 1927. The family then came back to Bayonne.

While in Italy, Mr. Ciaburri attended high school and upon his return to the U. S. A. worked for two years in the



Upper Left: Isadore Feldman

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Center: Caesar F. Ciaburri, President of Bayonne Board of Education

Export Department of the Western Electric Company, after which he entered Yale University, where he studied for one year.

From 1931-33 he was employed in the Department of Public Safety and was also connected with the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Ciaburri was active in the Home Rule movement as leader of the Veritas Political Club. He is also a member of the Holy Name Society of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church and General Ameglio Lodge No. 125 Sons of Italy.

He was named to the Board of Education in 1940 and became president February 1, 1941.

He is in the general real estate and insurance business with an office at 557 Avenue C and his residence is 334 Avenue A.

PATRICK J. GALLAGHER

Patrick J. Gallagher, President of the Donegal Men's Association is employed by the Tide Water Oil Company. He resides at 15 East 30th Street with his wife, the former Helen Sharkey of this city and their three children, Edward, Charles and Margaret.

He was born in Dungloe, County Donegal, Ireland, December 3, 1889 and came to this country in 1915. He immediately went to work for the Tide Water Oil Company upon his arrival in the United States. He left that concern to serve overseas in the A.E.F. during the World War as a member of 303rd Engineers of the 78th Division. After the war he returned to Bayonne and resumed his employment at the oil concern where he is a still operator.

He has been active in labor circles for the past twenty-five years and has been a delegate at the oil plant since 1923. In 1938 he was elected president of the County Donegal Men's Association. He is chairman of the Advisory Draft Board No. 34, having been named to that office by former Governor A. Harry Moore. In February 1941 he was appointed to the Board of Education by Mayor James J. Donovan.

Mr. Gallagher is a member of American Legion Post No. 19, an honorary member of County Corkmen's Association,

a trustee of United Industrial Workers for Home Rule, a trustee of Bayonne City Democratic Club and a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Henry's R. C. Church.

ISADORE FELDMAN

Isadore Feldman, President of the F. & A. Distributing Company, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Feldman, one of seven brothers, all of whom have been engaged in business here for many years.

An active supporter of the Home Rule Ticket, Mr. Feldman was appointed to the Board of Education by Mayor James J. Donovan in February 1941.

JOHN M. DZUBECK

John M. Dzubeck, a native of Bayonne is a graduate of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parochial School and Bayonne Vocational High School. Later he studied accounting in New York.

He has been President of the Polish-American Democratic Club since it was organized and it is one of the strongest Polish political organizations in the city.

Mr. Dzubeck is active in social and athletic circles and is advisor to the Biltmore Social and Athletic Club. He is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Holy Name Society. In February 1941 he was named by Mayor James J. Donovan to the Board of Education.

He is married and resides at 779 Avenue A.

EDWARD T. GREENLY

Edward T. Greenly, son of former school trustee, George T. Greenly was appointed to the Board of Education by Mayor James J. Donovan in February 1941.

He resides with his wife Mary, and two children, Edward and Ruth at 40 Garretson Avenue.

Mr. Greenly is foreman in the testing laboratory at the Electro Dynamic Works where he has been employed for the past twenty-six years. He has been a member of the Neighborhood Club since he was a youth.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gladys Mellor Sinclair is a native of Bayonne, having been born and reared in the house where she resides. She is the daughter of Dr. George W. Mellor, a prominent Bayonne dentist and Anna Jaccard Mellor. She attended Horace Mann School and is a graduate of Bayonne High.

In 1932 she married Wayne Sinclair, son of the late Thomas and Jane (Officer) Sinclair of Philadelphia, in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City. She has a "yen" for traveling which she has done extensively both in her own country and abroad. Everything connected with old New York enchants her and she spends much time in the "Magic City." Although she lived for a period of time in Oxford, England, and spent many pleasant hours in London, Paris and the French Riviera, she has always counted Bayonne affectionately as her "Old Home Town."

Writing is one of her hobbies. She is the author of "Bayonne Old and New" the first complete history published about Bayonne which starts in 1524 in the earliest days with raiding Indians and traces the growth, development and vigor of Bayonne life on through the Civil War days, the Gay Nineties and the turn of a century to the present time.

Mrs. Sinclair is an individualist, has a mind of her own and is not swayed by the crowd. She lives an active, energetic and productive life and is interested in everything that goes on in her native city. From 1930 to 1932 she served as Marshal in Fern Chapter, Order of Easter Star. An active member of the Bayonne Woman's Club, she served from 1939 to 1941 as Chairman of the Art Department. She received an Award from the American Artists Professional League,



GLADYS MELLOR SINCLAIR

Inc. for distinguished participation in American Art Week November 1 to 7, 1941; in April 1941, she was elected to serve as Federation Secretary, Bayonne Woman's Club for two years. She is Associate Historian of the Bayonne Historical Society and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Art is one of the dominant factors in her life which she inherits from her French background. She also has a tender attachment for the theatre and a deep affection for canine pets. The study of Astrology is of much interest to her and she is very much in favor of budgeting both time and money.

Her religious faith is Episcopalian, being a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Bayonne, New Jersey.

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